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The traffic's murder.



My watch has stopped.



My train has been cancelled.



I fell asleep on the bus.



I've lost my mobile.



My battery's flat.



I'm stuck in a lift.



Don't wait up.



My head's stuck in some railings.



The taxi driver's lost.



There are lenses on the line.



The lights are still red.



I've run out of petrol.



I've been clamped.



There was this big problem...



My car won't start.



I thought the checks had gone back.



I've lost my travelcard.



I'm caught in a revolving door.



I fell asleep in the club.



I couldn't find your phone number.



I've forgotten how to get home.



I stopped to help an old lady.



I've fallen down a manhole.



10:30? I thought you said 2:30.



I'm caught in a downpour.



I got struck by lightning.



What are the chances of getting two punctures?



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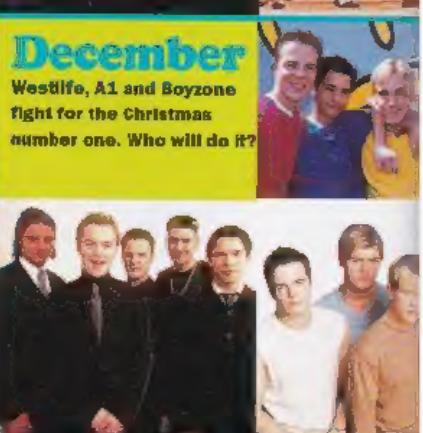
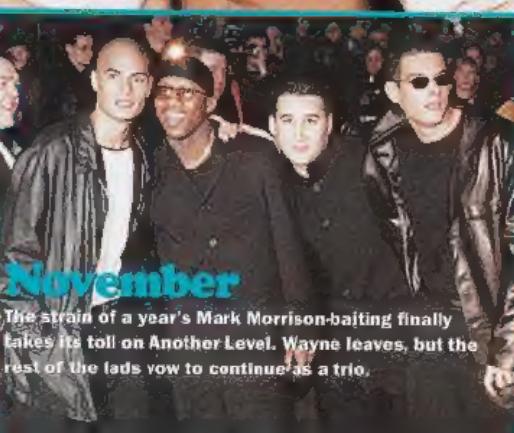
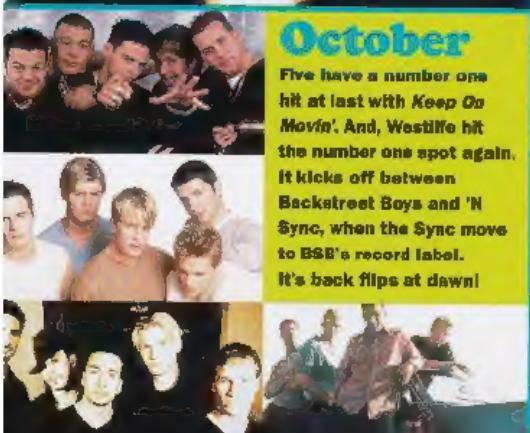
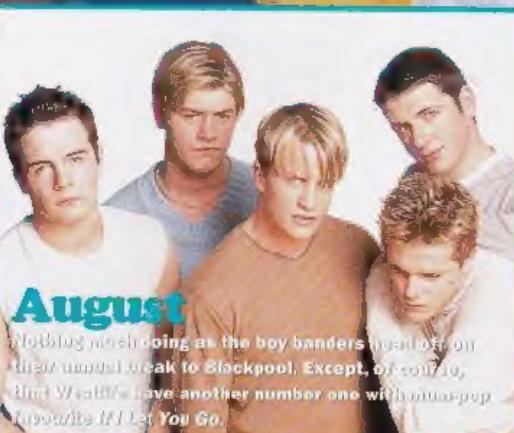
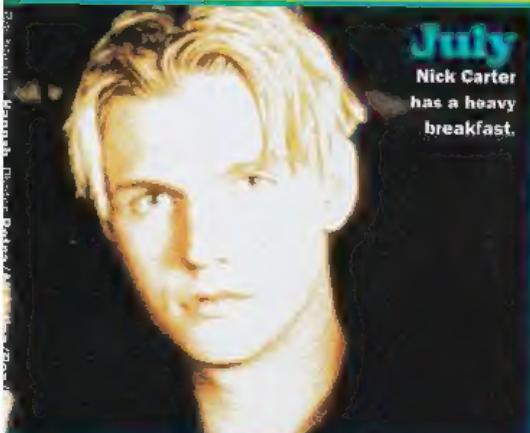
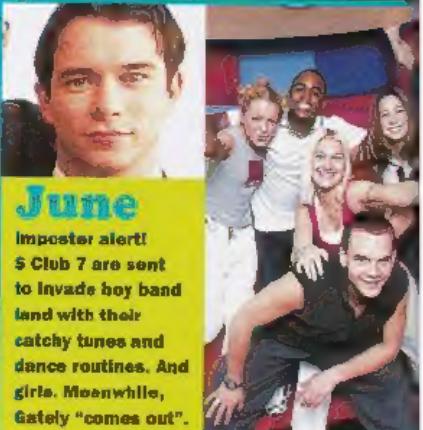
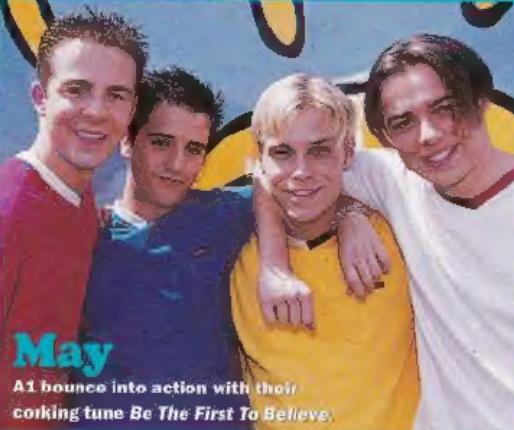
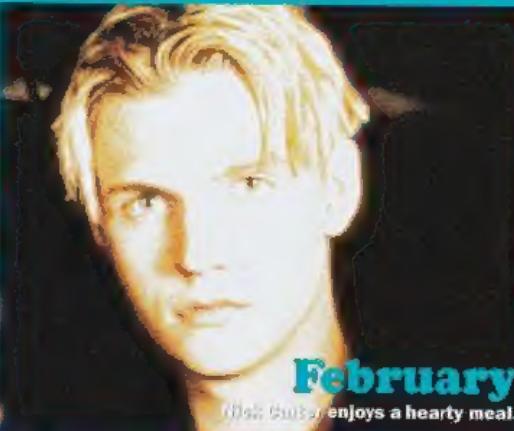


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The year in boy bandom

What a ride it's been for the boys of pop.



Say what?

What the celebs have been mouthing off about this year...

January

"It's nice to meet interesting people if you've respected their work or they're incredibly beautiful"

Ryan Phillippe, social animal

February

"Girls don't dig my jokes!"

Laughs Vince Vaughn

March

"I was just a filthy, dirty little boy!"

Jared Leto on his past

April

"It's weird being in front of a crew and kissing someone you're friends with. Having his tongue in my mouth was a little strange"

"I did not stick my tongue in your mouth"

Michelle Williams and James Van Der Beek on smogging etiquette

May

"If I wasn't doing this I'd be a depressed little person!"

Britney Spears on why she loves being famous

June

"Filming can be dangerous but you feel like you're being overpaid anyway and so it's not that hard!"

Ben Affleck - Hollywood star and realist

July

"I look like a girl!"

Adam Rickitt ponders an image-rethink

August

"If I got 94 on a test, my parents would ask where the other six points were!"

Natalie Portman, over-achiever and proud

September

"It's the time in your life when you try to figure out everything. From what you like to wear, to what makes you feel good about yourself!"

Drew Barrymore on being just 27

October

"We still wake up with sleep in our eyes and have to go to the loo!"

Another Level on how they stay grounded

November

"If you're under the weather or it's the time of the month, the littliest thing can make you cry!"

B*Witched's Sinéad on the pressure, man

December

"I'd like to know what's going on in his head!"

Five's Sean on Marilyn Manson

Stuffed!

Flat Eric

You came, you sold
Levi's and then we got
sick of you.

Goner!

Kelly Brook

You thrilled us with
your assets, went on
holiday and never
came back.

Fake!

Mel C

From sporty to punk,
but how much longer
can you carry on
pretending?

Loca!

Ricky Martin

You stole our hearts
like a boy on an
exchange trip, but will
you last the winter?

Your five minutes are up!

From rags to riches, then back to
obscurity. Celebs we'll be glad to see
the back of this year...

Plastic!

Caprice

Your cruddy single Oh
Yeah didn't impress
us. Stick to modelling
Wonderbras.



Bored!

Anna Fried

Hollywood loves you.
We don't care.

Ladyboy!

Jackie from
Paddington Green

You used to be Little
Jason - now you're just
getting our nerves.



Behind!

Call Forger's bum

We'll certainly be glad
to see the back of you,
little missy!

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"Never spend more than 10% of your monthly allowance on a boy that you're not actually engaged to"

It's the thought that counts

Pressie giving, snog sharing, card sending. Get your Crimbo boy tactics sorted with J17's guide to festive frolics...

Christmas sucks. Fact. All your elderly relatives who smell of wee will come to see. The 'rents will give you a pay-as-you-go mobile phone instead of the they-pay-as-you-go phone you were expecting. And to top it all, the whole boy issue will kick off before the first mince pies are out of the oven.

If you've been betrothed to the same boy chick since you met in the nursery sandpit, then this article is not for you – if you still need a guide on how to deal with her lad then he's obviously a lost cause. But please step right up if the only boy you're likely to have remote contact with under those twinkling fairy lights is:

- The one you're just about going steady with
- The one you're still doing that weird silent dating thing with after a couple of weeks, or
- That smirky lad you have a crush on. You know, the one who skates down the dual carriageway when there's nowt on telly.

With those three different categories of boy shape comes a whole heap of trouble. All those little worries about whether you're playing the relationship game right suddenly seem to get bigger as the herald angels start singing. Which is where our Crimbo etiquette guide comes in...

A time for giving?

Never buy a pressie for a boy you haven't snogged. And never spend more than 10% of your monthly allowance on a boy you're not actually engaged to.

Cheap aftershave, teddy bears with "I love you" written on their chests (actually make that all cuddly toys) and underwear are big no-no's. Go for food and never underestimate the power of the home-made and/or novelty gift. Complaint rawk compilation tapes, *Star Wars* snowstorms and *Final Fantasy* Eight merchandise all say you care – without the slush.

Is it good to talk?

Calling boys is mighty difficult because they're rubbish on the phone. Also, their sisters always answer, then yell, "It's your girlfriend, shall I say you're out?". So don't call unless it's a genuine ("All-my-relatives-have-perished-in-a-freak-accident") emergency. Anyway, he's bound to be awkward because his Auntie Ada will be cackling about "young Johnny courting" when she hears there's a girl on the phone.

There are tons of ways to contact the boy that don't involve speaking. E-mail, beepers or text messages... all acceptable. Keep it simple. "Do you want to meet me in the park?" or "Are you going to Laura's party?", will do instead of long messages about how you're going to kill your dad if he makes you play charades again. Save that for when you meet.

Home time?

Do you invite the heir to your heart to your family's Christmas Eve

mince pies 'n' mulled wine-athon? After all, there'll be a side-helping of the dog farting, your mum having a hissy fit 'cause the turkey's still frozen and your weird neighbour's rendition of *My Heart Will Go On* to look forward to. For the love of God, nooooooo!

What do I write in his card?

A double edged sword. Not only is there the stress-inducing activity of choosing a Christmas card for the lad, but then you have to think of something cool to write inside it.

If you have access to the Internet, why not send your lad a virtual Christmas card with the characters from *South Park* on it (check out greeteet.sweet.com) with a message like "Have a cool Crimbo"? If you go for an old-skool card you have two choices: the I'm-a-caring-kind-a-girl charity card or a home-made effort (but one that owes more to a scanner and some design software than a couple of felt-tips and cotton-wool snow).

The actual wordage is more tricky. "Happy Non-Denominational Season's Greetings and hope the Millennium Bug doesn't bite" will do fine, but do you put "love" at the bottom of the card?

And what of kisses? Follow these simple rules and you'll be sorted. If you've already exchanged vows of love, write love in your card. If you're just snogging him, shove some kisses on your card. And if he's still just a crush, settle for one cross under your name, followed by a full stop so it could be a kiss or it could just be your

kooky little way of signing off. But, hey, you're the one who knows the boy so if it feels right, do it. And we are just talking Christmas cards here...

What's under the mistletoe?

Mistletoe is God's own Christmas gift to girlkind. It's the perfect excuse for dragging your crush into your arms and applying lip suction. If he protests then you'll know he's a no-fun, "bah humbug" boy who doesn't fancy you. Laugh it off by sneering, "I felt sorry for you and it's only a bit of harmless fun, Mr Hissy," then you can go home and cry. He'll probably get stuck in though and you can spend the rest of the evening swapping saliva.

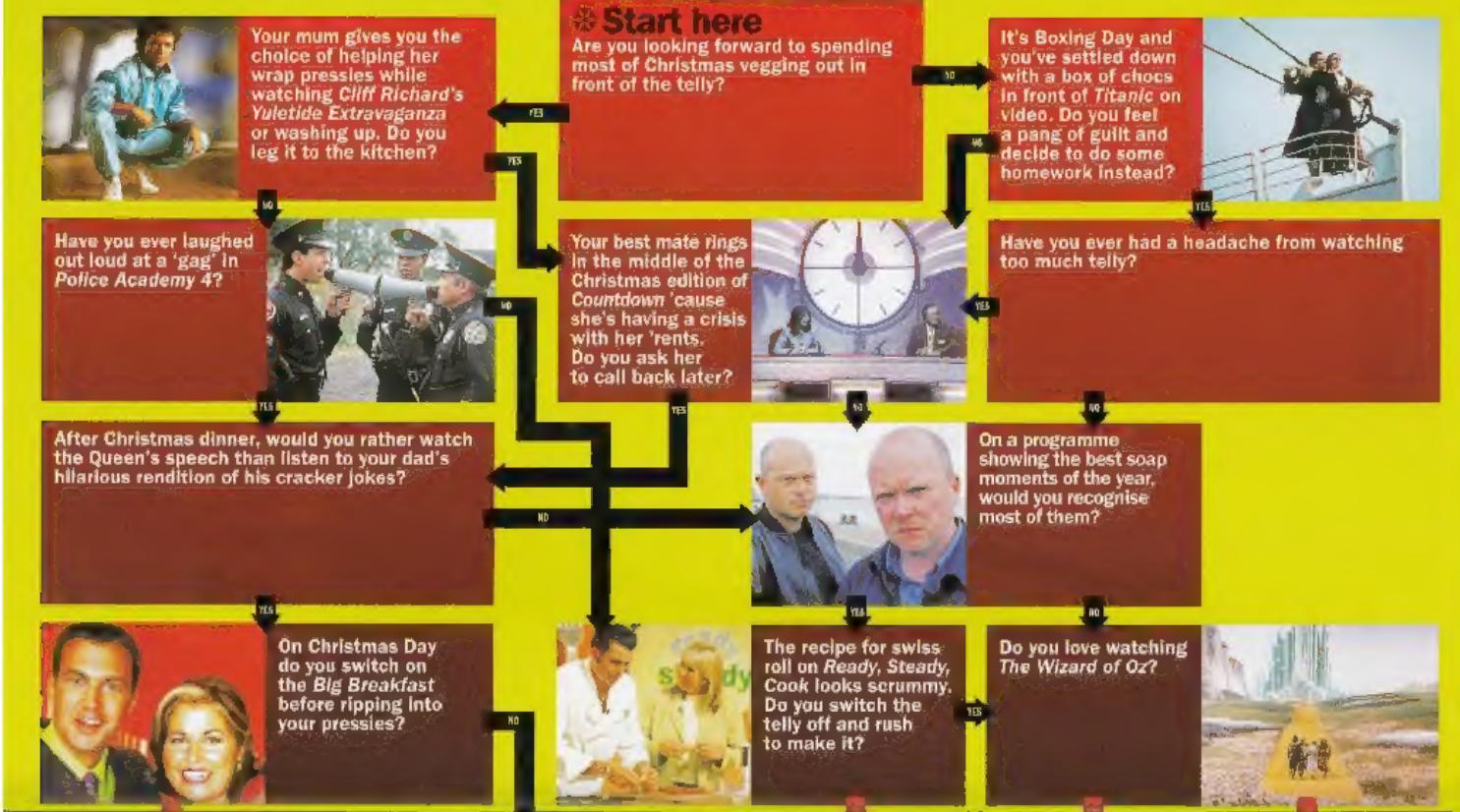
Now if you're 'sort of' going out with someone, mistletoe can really separate a serious love situation from a doomed-to-end flirtation. Of course, if you're wondering if it's OK to kiss other guys as well as your main crush, you already know the answer: stop spending quality time with a guy you don't really dig, get under the mistletoe and line up another lad sharpish.

New Year's Eve. Together or not?

Look, it's the flamin' millennium. The world could end at midnight. Apocalypse may reign. Do you want to spend the rest of the afterlife kicking yourself because you thought that asking him to go to a New Year's Eve party with you was too presumptuous? You bet your mince pies, you don't, **W**

Are you heading for Cack TV hell?

This Christmas are you gonna be sucked into a world of cheesy grins, fake laughter and rubbish game shows? Read on and see...





When *Annie* sumner on TV, do you sing along to all the songs?

Your eyes get tired while you're gazing at the telly. Do you use eye drops and carry on watching rather than turn it off?

Do you consult a TV guide at least once a day over the festive period?

Home And Away and *Neighbours* are off air for a week and replaced by seasonal movies. Do you care?



Joshua Jackson miraculously turns up on your doorstep singing *White Christmas* and holding mistletoe. Meanwhile, *Top Of The Pops* is about to show the Christmas number one. Would you drag yourself off the sofa to get a Dawson's-type snog?



An *Only Fools And Horses* repeat is on. Do you end up answering Del-Boy's questions before Rodney?



The school Christmas party isn't exactly the do of the year, but all the sixth form toty will be there. Is it worth missing *Sports Personality Of The Year* to go to it?

Did you know that Saturday morning's *CD:UK* stands for *Countdown UK*?

Remote controlled girl

You are a walking, talking TV listings guide. Only you don't walk or talk 'cause that would involve taking your eyes off the telly for a second. What you know about life without TV wouldn't fill Mini Me's stocking. The outside world isn't that bad y'know, and you should try it. You could use your TV knowledge to spark up a conversation with a real person? "Did you see 'Endors'?" is all that's needed. Who knows, you might get a life? Or, at least, stop drooling over someone behind glass. **Advice** Put down that remote control, yes, you can. So do it. Now! ☺

Wired up babe

As soon as those TV specials start, out comes your TV guide and your coloured highlighters. Yup, you plan your Crimbo viewing with more precision than you plan your Crimbo pressie list. But, you're not a lost cause. You do know that there is a world outside your telly - you just need to realise that there's more to life than Richard Whiteley on *Christmas Countdown*. "Humorous" reindeer antlers and all. Yes, it's cold out, but think of the fun you can have, carol singing on the doorstep of that boy you fancy... **Advice** Ditch the pens. Get a life. Simple ☺

Well channelled chica

Swooning over Robbie on *TOTP* is pretty high up on your list of Christmas priorities, but you do know it's not half as much fun as swooning over Andy, your next door neighbour's second cousin at the street knees-up. (You know the true value of misdeed.) Like most normal people, you're prone to a spot of *Never-ending Story* and a sprinkle of festive Ainstey, however, your life doesn't revolve around the box in the corner of the room. That is, unless Mr Pacey is on, of course... **Advice** None. You've got a TV - and a life. ☺

Eyes wide shut

Before we hit the next century, you need to get to grips with this one, girl. There's this great invention called television right? It's that glowing box thing most of your family sit down in front of every night. It seems as if you either live several miles under the sea or on a planet inhabited by people who haven't heard of electricity yet. So here's some friendly advice - go over to that box, switch on, veg out and enjoy. Once you've seen the delights of *Celebrity Stars in Their Eyes*, we know you'll be thanking us. **Advice** Get with the programme. Literally. ☺

"And the winner is..."

In September's J17, Kat asked you to vote for the most stylish stuff in your lives. Turn the page to meet the winners and losers...



Wannabuys award

For High Street
of the year

It's the same big three
again this year, with New Look and
Topshop and John Lewis

also making the
TopShop

It's been a good year. We
have been at the voting form
cause someone worships M&S

Slick chick award

What keeps your hair
looking good? Well, L'Oréal Elvive
and Pantene are near the top of
the shampoo stakes. By your
favourite product on Planet Hair

1. L'Oréal Elvive
2. Pantene
3. Garnier Fructis
4. Schwarzkopf
5. Head & Shoulders
6. Dove
7. Garnier Nutrisse
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Slaptastic award

For Comedy Icons
Don't Blame Me

Winner: It's the one thing you
forget to do when you're
going to work. Now, it's
getting big, with Maybelline Great Lash
and 17 Clear Mascara nearing
the top of the slap league, but
it's **Vaseline** the lip gloss/
balm that's winning the year. It's
the clear (geddit?) winner
of **Appropriate**. It's all
glamour for you!

Fit stuff award

Winner: Reebok grabs the bronze
medal, Adidas snatches the silver,
and first across the finishing line
with more than half your votes is
another usual fave - **Nike**
Weirdest! The Arsenal away kit!
What are you like?



Confectionery corner award

Winner: Yum! Chocolate or
crisps... ooh, got a bit carried away
there! Cadbury's Dairy Milk comes
in third. Kit Kat Chunky second.
But you're gonna love the sweet
stuff! Lays, Jaffa, and
Pringles came top of the treats

1. Pringles
2. Lays
3. Jaffa



Lights! Camera! Action! award

Winner: *Crucial Intentions* and
Sue's All That did well, but Kat's
Special style Oscar goes to
Austin Powers. You
old fashioned
dudes, you!
Weirdest! Listen
and then
say...
WHAT? WHY?





13 awards

1. Best TV show: *Dawson's Creek*
 2. Best movie: *Leonardo DiCaprio*
 3. Best TV host: *Ellen DeGeneres*
 4. Best movie star: *Leonardo DiCaprio*
 5. Best TV actress: *Brooke Shields*
 6. Best movie actress: *Brooke Shields*
 7. Best TV male: *Leonardo DiCaprio*
 8. Best movie male: *Leonardo DiCaprio*
 9. Best TV style: *Friends*
 10. Best movie style: *Friends*
 11. Best TV hair: *Friends*
 12. Best movie hair: *Friends*
 13. Best TV makeup: *Friends*

Surf's up award

You just can't keep away from Dawson and Pacey's antics, can you? The supercool www.dawsonscreek.com scoops first prize, getting more votes than www.leonardodicaprio.com and www.teenchat.com.

Weirdest? Find some lovely wall paper at www.homebase.com



Watch it! award

WINNER: *Friends*
 Runners-up: *Dawson's Creek*, *Ellen*, *Leonardo DiCaprio*



Glitter, Sixties styles and three-quarter sleeves were aw winners, but our most fave predictions are

"Watches on your ankles," said Michelle from London.

1. *Friends* (2nd place)

2. *Dawson's Creek* (3rd place)

3. *Ellen* (4th place)

4. *Leonardo DiCaprio* (5th place)

5. *Friends* (6th place)

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9. *Friends* (10th place)

10. *Friends* (11th place)

11. *Friends* (12th place)

12. *Friends* (13th place)



Voting form

Please fill in and mail to: Siesta Style Awards, 1029 1st Street, Sacramento, California 95814.

1. Best award for the instant hit in town
 2. Best couple for boyish-charming looks
 3. Best actress for her cool, edgy, rockin' look
 4. Best movie actress for most surprising results
 5. Best movie director award for best-directed movie
 6. Best male award for most popular male
 7. Best male award for highest-grossing movie
 8. Best male award for most stylish TV show
 9. Best style award for most original style predictions

10. Best style award for beauty that you can't live without

11. Best style award for most sporty looks

12. Best costume award for most dazzling results

13. Best costume director award for best-designed movie

14. Best award for most hair

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Spooky Party Kit

most glamorous party of son dahn...
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David Beckham
esse you look a blond himbo
+

purple costumes x 20
honourable party host, you

what you like as long as
an over-the-top, tacky
the guests must wear
carefully selected garments
they don't upstage you

chiffon (20 metres)
around the room to ensure
look of refined glamour

++ x 2
better way to receive your
Guaranteed to add a

lure to any party.

plastic flamingoes x 10
around the room for a bit

of glamour
enjoy water fountain

perfect centrepiece that's

to get conversation flowing.

ders x four

ite Posh and Beck's string
with your little bro' and his

Simply supply them with the
and get them to bang out
Sex and the City hits. Hmn, tasteful

plan
on to everyone about how

se your party will be, and
they ask for an invitation

'It's a very private affair',

sly' On the big day, sit on one

the thrones then allow the guests

come up and congratulate you on

you. After that, force everyone

outside and freeze while you

your photo taken in the garden

Buffy Party Kit

Slay your mates with a vampire
spectacular...

Contains:

Fancy dress box

Including short skirts, saucy boots,
crucifixes and lots of black leather.

Gravestones x 10

Dress up your garden so that your
neighbours' muddy vegetable patch

starts to look decidedly cheery.

Nibbles x none

Who needs 'em when the guests
will be drinking each other's blood?

Buffy tape

Containing a variety of vampire-

kicking rawk like Garbage, Hepburn
and some good ol' darkside

favourites like Mazzer Manson.

Party plan:

Pick a name out of a hat and
nominate someone as a vampire

Get the other guests to guess who
the vampire is by looking for tell-tale
signs. Anyone who talks about
'The Master', has an aversion to
crucifixes or turns down a can of
Coke to sup some 'tomato juice'

is probably a bloodsucker

Once that's over, break into
that dodgy American telly dancing

where you look like you're grooving

to a totally different beat.

Occult Party Kit

As the perma-grinning funsters
say, "There ain't no party like an
S Club party..."

Contains:

Midriff-baring costumes x 20

Kit also includes headscarves,
a huge tub of fake tan and a
bucket of make-up.

Beach accessories (assorted)

Those Miami essentials: cocktail
umbrellas, a beach ball and loads
of sand to scatter over the floor.

Fizzy pop and fairy cakes x 100

Perfect for that, erm, pop fee

Top pop CD collection

Including those ker-azy S Clubbers,
Steps, Scooch and A teens.

Party plan:

Partaaaaaaaay! Singing, grinning
and dancing are compulsory
So, just push back the furniture,
clear the floor and get on down,
baby! Make sure the party really
swings by simply leaving anyone
who won't be able to master a
dance routine or two off the guest
list. Fill your party with grinning
fools instead

Despite the theme, strange
Miami 7-style adventures are best
avoided – but don't forget to finish
the party with a group singalong.

Armageddon Party Kit

Not so much a party as a meeting of
miserable minds.

Contains:

Assorted items of black clothing
x 20

To match the party's mood

Roll of black wallpaper

To match your guests' clothes.

Trey of nibbles x 4

Warning: only to be consumed
during the hours of darkness

Alanis Morissette CD

Play continuously, along with any
other whiny sounds you can get
your hands on

Party plan:

Let's get one thing straight: there
will be no dancing. Guests must
not take the removal of all furniture
as an encouraging sign – this is only
to give you more room to sit on the
floor. Conversation is good, but stick
to subjects such as world politics and
poetry so that things don't get lively

Armageddon Party Kit

It's the end of the world as we know
it – thank gawd!

Contains:

An assortment of fancy dress
costumes x 20

Each represents an icon of
hideousness from this millennium,
such as Lolly Da e Wnton J from
Five, Brian Harvey, Gar Porter's
bum, etc, etc...

Air of expectancy/impending
doom

Keep refrigerated. Do not unleash
until the night of the party.

Tinned food and dried food x 10

Fresh from the special millennium
cupboard

'Greatest', erm, 'hits' of the
millennium CD

Featuring Bros, Aqua, Korn and
Celine Dion

Party plan:

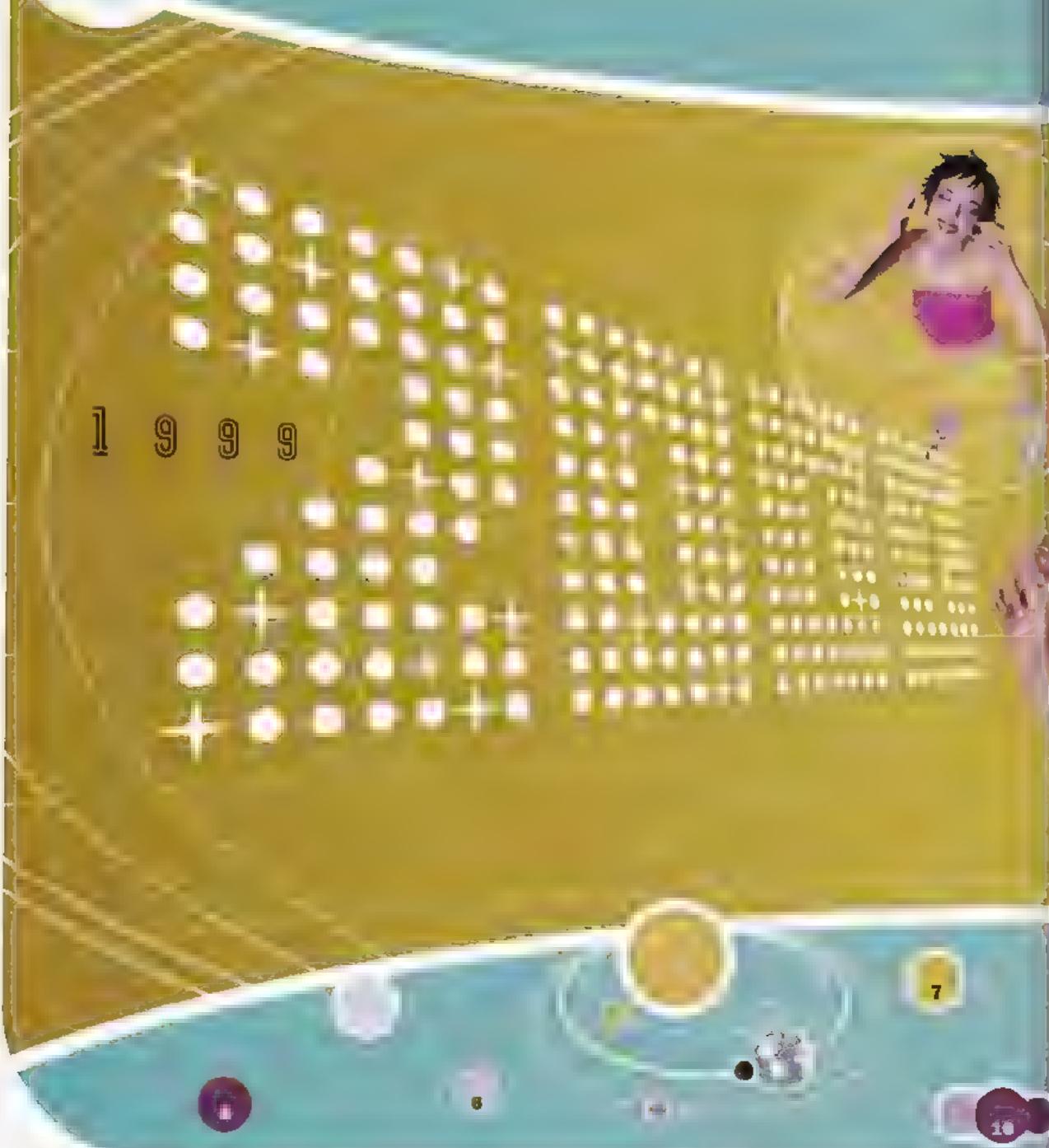
Force your guests to re-live their
most horrendous moments of
the millennium and dance to the
most hideous music you can find.
Once things get going, secretly
switch off the lights and scream:
"Oh my gawd! It's the end of the
world!" Then watch as chaos takes
over and everyone runs around
hysterically. Safety note: remove all
small and sharp items. You don't want
to be tripping over them.)

Get your kit on

Maximum fun for all your mates or your money
back with J17's themed party kits...

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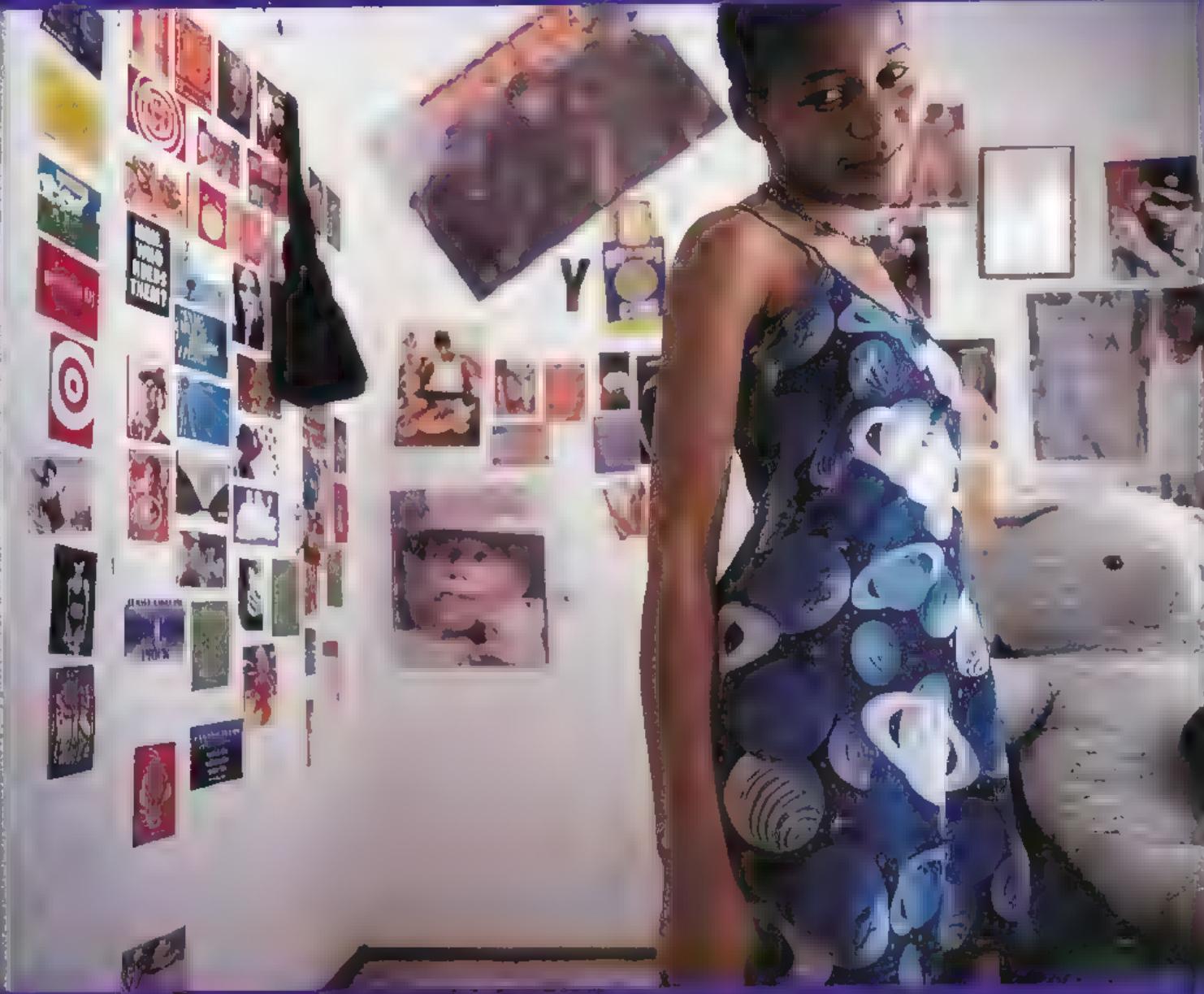
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One world

What are you like? J17 asked seven girls around the world about their life. Here's the global goss...



Bantee Maleka, 17, from South Africa

Who do you live with?

My mother, father and one of my sisters in Johannesburg.

What do your parents do?

My father owns a bakery and my mother is a doctor.

Fave band?

JK Zee, a South African Kwaito band. Kwaito is a type of South

African dance music

Fave book?

How Stella Got Her Groove Back by Terry McMillan

Fave item of clothing?

My hipsters and pinstripe pants

Fave snack?

Pizza and MacDonalds

What was the last thing you bought? How much did it cost?

A pair of shoes and sandals -

they cost R550 (£55).

Worst ever hairstyle?

Afro, 'cause it's difficult to control.

Most important thing that's happened to you?

Finishing school, as I will begin a new life with new opportunities.

Who's your hero?

Nelson Mandela. He did so much for South Africa and stood by everything he believed in.

Who's your favourite celebrity?

Usher. I like his music and he's good-looking and sexy.

How are you going to celebrate the millennium?

With friends at a party either in Johannesburg or Cape Town.

What are your hopes for the future of the world?

That people will understand each other and be more tolerant.

**Freeman, 16,
Australia**

do you live with?
My mom and little brother.
What do your parents do?
My mom is a doctor and my
dad is a therapist.

What's your music?
Shawn Hill and Fatboy Slim.

What's your movie?
Reckless and

Forrest Gump. And I love
Woody Allen films.

Fave book?

The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan.

Fave item of clothing?

My Bettina Liano jeans and

Gary Castles black boots.

Fave snack?

Vietnamese spring rolls.

**What was the last thing you
bought? How much did it cost?**

A Gucci swimming costume
for \$650 (approx. £300).

Most important possession?

My mobile phone.

Worst ever hairstyle?

When it was short and layered.

**Which celebrity do you
dream about?**

Freddie Prince Jr.

Who's your hero?

I don't really have a hero but

I think the actresses Judy Davis
and Cate Blanchett are amazing.
**How are you going to celebrate
the millennium?**

At a club or party in Sydney.
I definitely want to be out.

What job do you want to do?
I want to be an actress.

**What are your hopes for
the future of the world?**

Peace and a cure for Aids. ▶



My most important possession is my mobile phone.

Samara Chopra, 17, from India

Who do you live with?

My parents and my grandmother.

What's your brother doing?

My brother's studying in America.

What do your parents do?

My father's a doctor and my

mother is a textile designer.

Fave band?

I keeps changing. Right now it's a group called Cowboy Junkies.

Fave film?

Scent Of A Woman.

Fave book?

The Prophet by Khalil Gibran.

Fave snack?

Homemade bread with pickle.

What was the last thing you bought? How much did it cost?

A book—a play called Tara by

Maheesh Dalani. It cost 60 rupees,

which is less than one pound.

Worst ever hairstyle?

A mushroom cut.

Who's your hero?

don't have one—I realise that

everyone has their faults.

Have you got a boyfriend?

I think 'boyfriend' is a rather

clichéd word, but yes I have one

and he makes me happy.

How are you going to celebrate the millennium?

With my parents on a beach

in Phuket in Thailand.

Kanna Krol, 17, from Poland

Who do you live with?

My parents and one brother.

What do your parents do?

They grow flowers in glass houses.

Fave band?

Enigma.

Fave item of clothing?

The shirt I'm wearing.

Fave snack?

French fries.

What was the last thing you bought? How much did it cost?

A jumper, it cost \$20 (approx £15).

Most important possession?

Half a brick which my friends

brought back from Warsaw.

Worst ever hairstyle?

Long loose hair, which looked

like a wet

Most important thing that's happened to you?

I was accepted for the school

I wanted to go to.

Who's your hero?

My mother.

Have you got a boyfriend?

Yes, his name is Paul and he's 20.

He's studying economics and

computer sciences.

How are you going to celebrate the millennium?

With friends. We will organise

a party in a rented hall.



My favorite album is
Tinpan No Totoro,

which I am listening to right now.
I like the sound of the piano.

Who do you live with?
My mother, father and brother.

What do your parents do?
My father works for a large

electronics company and my
mother's a housewife.

What's your favorite band?

They are two Japanese male
singers and I like their voices.

What's your favorite film?

Tonari No Totoro, which is a

Japanese film about the

Sound of Music.

What's your favorite snack?

Shrimp - they're thin rice crackers
and they taste like shrimp.

What was the last thing you
bought? How much did it cost?

A CD by Yuzu. It cost about 300
yen (approx £10).

What's your most important possession?

An autograph from Mr. Keiji
Kojima. He teaches English on the

bus and I listen to him every day.

What's your favorite celebrity?

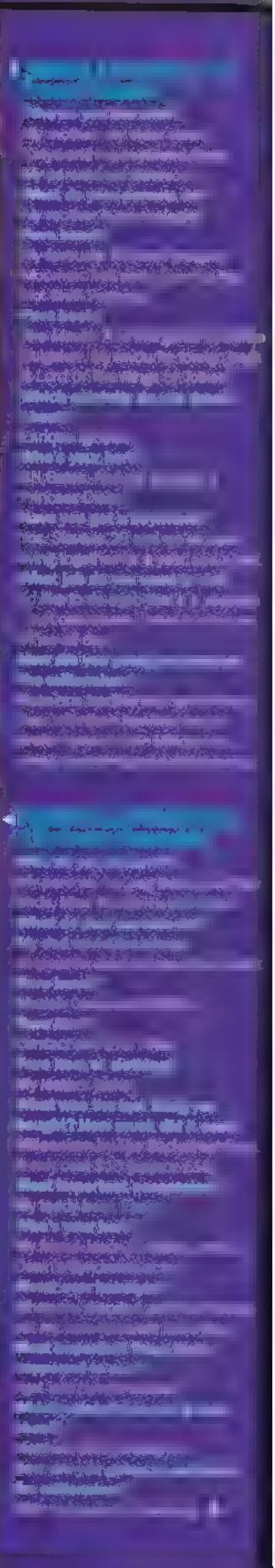
Brad Pitt.

What are your hopes for the
future of the world?

For everyone to help each other
even if it's small things, to make
the earth a better place to live.



'My worst ever hair style was when my grandad, who's a hairdresser, cut my hair. It looked like a bowl'



Nice little earners

CASH IN ON THE BIGGEST NIGHT OF THE CENTURY WITH J17'S GUIDE TO THE JAMMIEST JOBS AROUND...



	babysitter	House/Petsitter		Celeb lookalike
What have I got to do?	Make sure sweet little Amy and Jamie the monster are stuffed with ice cream, bored of watching TV and tired enough to go to bed.	Feed Rover, water plants, collect post etc, for those lucky beggars who've gone away on holiday over the festive period	Serve merry party goers their last meal of the millennium. The evening will fly by and you'll have sore feet at the end, but you'll be quids in.	Real celebs will be booked up, so people will be desperate to get a lookalike. If you resemble Posh or Geri you could be in the money
How much will I make?	There's no legal minimum pay for babysitting. But we reckon you should get at least £25 for the night.	Prices vary depending on the area, starting at £3 a day for a small rodent. You can make £15 per day for dogsitting.	Agencies are predicting that waitresses will be able to make from £40 an hour to £1,000 per night!	The amount you earn depends on who you look like - the cast of <i>Ab Fab</i> are the most popular! Wages vary from £350 - £1000
What will I be doing at midnight?	As the kids will be really excitable and hyperactive, you'll probably be on the PlayStation with Jamie, while Amy plait's your hair.	After feeding the dog and watering the plants you can do pretty much anything - though holding a party is probably not a good idea.	You should get a break at midnight to have a toast, don't drink too much though or the food could end up over some poor customer.	Clinking champers glasses, saying "darling" a lot and doing loads of air kissing. You could try stumbling out of London's trendy Met Bar™
Fun factor?	If you check with the 'rents, you might be able to take a mate with you. If not, break out your H1ts '99 CD and have your very own party!	If the house you're looking after has a pool, games room and home cinema you're laughing. If not you could always ring your mates.	All the punters will be in a party mood and each time you get a tip your smile will get bigger and bigger	You get to be a top celeb for a night. A great excuse to act like a spoilt brat without getting ticked off
Mistletoe action?	Sadly, unless you take your beau with you, the chances of a snog are very limited.	Go next door, ask for a cup of sugar and see if there's any potential eye candy. Or you may meet someone walking Rover in the park.	If the customers are all fogies with bad jumpers and moustaches then pray that one of the waiters is a cutie	If you look that much like Posh you might just find your very own Beckham
Who do I contact?	The National Childminding Association on 0181-464 6164.	www.animalnannies.free.serve.co.uk or ask around your neighbours to see if anyone is going away.	Leisure Careers UK 01276 684449.	Susan Scott lookalikes 0171-387 9425.



Lara, deputy beauty ed

Pom-poms are big catwalk news. Make them in loads of different colours and attach them to hats and the ends of scarves. Or use them for decorating your presents.

Perfect pom-pom
Cut a hole in the centre of card and place the two together. Take a long piece of wool and wind it round and through the hole until the hole is full. Slip the wool around the outer edge, leaving loads of fluffy ends. Tie a long piece of wool around the middle and then pull it tight. Pull off the discs and fluff it up!



Sarra, entertainment editor

Presents. Lots of presents. Wrap it like ones like now." (Repeat x 5) - one a day from 10 December.



Dorothy, senior sub editor



Sam, picture director, with Rory

Forget Christmas dinner, supper's where the real party starts. Mmmmm - cold turkey and pickles. Ma Ripley's home-made turbo, strength pickled onions, gorgeous, crunchy red cabbage, piccalilli and those big fat juicy sherkins. Oh yes! Hardcore. Combine and enjoy.



Sabina, designer

Sick of the usual run-of-the-mill Christmas baubles? Why not buy some mint disco-balls in different colours and adorn your tree with them instead. Have a funky Christmas.

My Christmas present to you lovely readers is a 4 in 1 step pulsing play beauty & only skin deep permanently when it comes to getting a Christmas bang. So unless he is three eyes and a terminal case of drooling, think of no boy as ugly. Never be more than 3 cms from your tastebuds. Kiss every boy under the mistletoe, even your little brother & all fanciable lads in the vicinity. Thank you've really got the Crimbo spirit and pucker up. (Leave funnelling for those boys you f-

Aren't carol singers dull? Exploit this gap in a potentially lucrative market by giving the punters what S Club 7 singing their fave Crimbo ditties, of course! Get a load of your best-looking titties together and practise standing in a line, grooving forward to sing a verse of Once In Royal David's City. Oh, it may not have quite as much booty shakin' potential as S Club Party but the sight of you lot line dancing on people's doorsteps might persuade them to give you a couple of quid to shut up and go away!



Rob, art editor

Always keep a sprig of mistletoe and a stick of lip balm handy throughout the season. One never knows. Happy Crimbo all, Love, Christmas Tree XXXXXXXX



Tree, fashion and beauty ed

Because you're

Aah, sweet readers. You've given us you £1.89 back month and now it's



Lucy, production editor

One packet plain digestive biscuits
Half a pack butter
Two bars chocolate
Two big spoonfuls Golden Syrup
Stoned cherries, chopped up
Icing sugar
Prigs of holly
Break up biccies in a plastic bag with a rolling pin. Leave few chunky bits.
Melt the butter, chocolate and Golden Syrup in a pan.
Leave to cool for a few minutes then mix in the biscuits bits and cherries.
Put in a baking tray and pop in the fridge for a few hours, until solid.
Dust the top with icing sugar to look like snow, and bung the holly on top.
Mmm, lovely!



Hannah, senior writer

Make sure you get the best presents by sucking up to Father Christmas in five easy steps...

Make your letter to Santa very clear yet polite. List specifics (band and title for each CD) and don't forget to thank him for last year's presents.

Stay in on Crimbo Eve so you're asleep by the time he arrives.

Don't just leave Santa a mince pie and a glass of whisky - treat him to something special like the keys to your dad's car.

Never mock the fat, bearded bloke in a red suit in your local shopping centre. There's always a chance he might be the real Santa.

Be kind to reindeer.



Speranza, fashion and beauty assistant

Christmas is a time for smogging, and what better way to guarantee some lip-action than forcing fit lads to make physical contact with you! No Christmas party would be complete without the Balloon Game. This is where you and your mates put your hands behind your backs and pass a big, shiny balloon only using your body. Don't forget the boy-sit formation, and make sure you bag your place next to the boy you fancy.



Katy, picture assistant

My Christmas decoration idea is to dress your pets up as reindeers. Cats and dogs look a festive treat in red noses and antlers.



Chantelle, editorial assistant



Nell, deputy fashion editor

Use a bin bag discreetly disguised as a Crimbo stocking. More space, more presents! Here's wishing you plenty of mince in your pies! Have a good un, love Nelly xxxx



Sophie, acting editor

Christmas is a time of schmaltzy emotions so mumble. "Thanks for the Spice Girls titties, Auntie just won't do. You have to hand it up like in those big emotional scenes in Dawson's." Here's how:

Pretend the present is a boy you fancy. Make eye contact with it then look away. Giggle nervously.

Ask where the gorgeous wrapping paper came from then sob as you're forced to rip it apart.

Decide like an ecstatic *Changing Rooms* contestant who's just glimpsed their lime green living room.

Hold the present aloft and do a lap of honour, stopping every 30 seconds for photos.

Shower the giver with big fat sloppy kisses. If it's a rotten prissie they'll feel really guilty.

worth it

Time for us to give you some Crimbo tips... Enjoy!

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With ten free
text messages a day,
what would yours say?

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IT'S NOT YOU SO BLIND
IT'S STARTING A NEW DAY

date and calls are from 5p a minute. Call

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Millennium rescue manual

The country's finest minds have spent months locked away in a bunker coming up with J17's New Year's Eve emergency handbook...

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Amusement

In the event of having nothing to do on the eve of Y2K, call the Millennium Snog Association and they'll send a party round to your house. A small charge will apply, so check with whoever pays the bills first.

0002/

Bug (millennium variety)

Should any electrical equipment fail at midnight on 31 December, hit it with a hammer. It won't make it work – in fact, it'll probably break it – but you'll feel better.

0003/

Clothes

As with any party night, there may be a problem with what to wear. Keep calm, throw the contents of your wardrobe on to your bed, rummage through it. If you don't find anything, repeat process in your best friend's room.

0004/

Food

Avoid a chocolate famine by buying an extra treat every time you visit the shops between now and New Year's Eve and storing it away from view. Yes, we know it's gonna take some willpower but we think you're up to it.

0005/

Heartache

If your designated snog is spending the dawn of the new millennium in a tongue sarnie with someone else locate his best mate and give him the snog of his life. Your original target will soon hear what he missed out on.

0006/

Panic

Don't.

0007/

Pork pie jelly

Avoid at all costs.

0008/

'Rents

Invest many hours in pursuits such as wash ng-up and tidying your room in the weeks leading up to Y2K, to avoid any kind of negative parental grounding action.

0009/

Shoes

For your own comfort and safety, do not attempt to dance in anything higher than micro heels for more than an hour at a time.

0010/

Snogs

Observe the following if you find yourself surrounded by people at midnight: keep a metre between you and all ugly boys. You don't want to look back on the dawn of a new century and remember snogging a geek.

0011/

Snow

If you spot yellow traces in the snow, alert others and keep your distance.

0012/

World (end of)

In the unlikely event of Armageddon, ignore the screams of your fellow partygoers and proceed calmly to the nearest spaceship.

0013/

Transport

If you need to get to that party, but a cab fare will wipe you out till Y3K the answer is the 'rents. Beg, cry and sign an 'I'll stop throwing my clothes on the floor' agreement. Anything to get them behind the wheel of a car.

0014/

Zero

If you have no cash left after New Year's Eve, offer to save the 'rents from the millennium bug by using their cashpoint cards for them. Then, oops, accidentally get out £10 extra, blame it on that bug, and help them spend it.

● If all else fails, re-schedule your celebrations for another night. Anything up to a week later is acceptable – plus it'll give you something to look forward to.

What a result!

We've got the proof that NIVEA Soft girls are strong, sensitive, individual and ambitious..

We teamed up with NIVEA Soft in October's J17 to find out what your hopes and dreams are. And we got some fab results! You told us about your cool role models and the kind of life you want, and we found out that more of you are aiming for jobs that would have been considered unsuitable for women 20 years ago. Check out the results of the NIVEA Soft survey.

Which qualities do you admire in successful women?

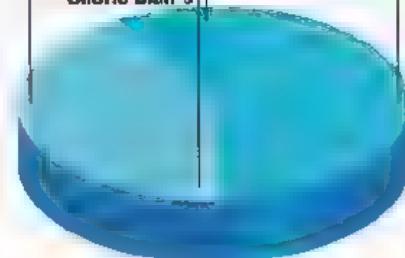
1. Strong 41% 2. Intelligent 14% 3. Confident 13% 4. Determined 11% 5. Independent 10% 6. Stylish 8% 7. Funny 7% 8. Sensitive 6% 9. Beautiful 5% 10. Ambitious 4%

Who would you most like to look like?

41% 1. Michael Owen and Will Smith 2. Leo 3. Pacey

We asked you: whose job do you most want?

50% J17 editor, Ally's	5% Legal boffin Cherie Blair's	38% 7% Cell Porter's would rather look after a family
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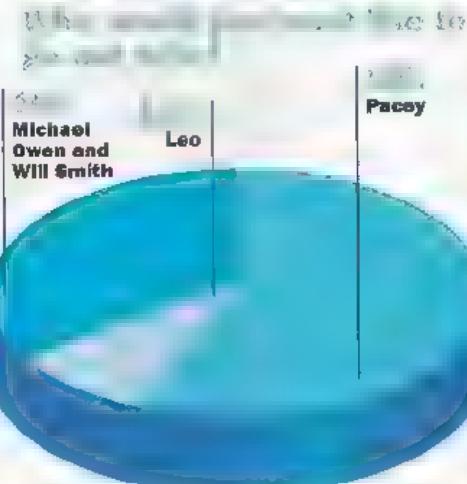
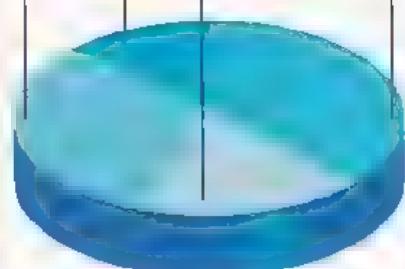


What's your ideal career?

Working in the City 57%
DJ 24%
Teacher 16%
Only 5% fancied a career in nursing

Whose lifestyle would you like in the next few years?

31% Claire Danes's	19% Posh Spice's	34% DJ Lisa Loud's
21% Brookie's Jacqui Dixon's		



How would you sum up boys' attitudes towards girls? They think they're better than us **53%** They treat us as equals **26%** They're scared because we're taking their jobs **14%** They're not competitive at all **7%**

Who is your female role model?

You really rate Gwyneth Paltrow! She told us she's always done everything with all her heart, believed in her dreams and is very pleased to know she has inspired young girls. That's what Gwyneth Paltrow is all about.

Who is your female role model?

Will Smith and Ronan Keating are top of your list.

And when we asked "What is your burning ambition?" we had a variety of answers...

"To be a police woman," "I love to sing. May be one day be discovered."

"I want to make it in the music business."

"To live life to the full, travelling and meeting people."

"To swim with dolphins."

You need to work hard to achieve your goals - just like you need to work at looking after your skin for it to glow all year round. Why not follow NIVEA Soft's guide to having beautiful, radiant skin?

Be sure to apply NIVEA Soft to your face before leaving home in the morning. Central heating at school or work will

strip the skin's moisture, so leaving your face feeling 'tight'. An active ingredient, Jojoba Oil, in NIVEA Soft nourishes the skin, leaving it feeling smooth and supple. Keep a tube of NIVEA Soft in your bag and apply to your hands throughout the day. This will prevent them from becoming chapped, dry and

sore. The quickly-absorbed creme contains an active ingredient, Vitamin E, which repairs any damage caused to the skin structure, making it perfect for hands during winter. Apply NIVEA Soft to your arms, shoulders and legs for a silky skin finish when wearing your 'it' black dress, it'll leave you looking radiant and glowing.



NIVEA Soft would like to thank you all for taking part in the survey.



PSYCHIC SAM'S MYSTIC MAILBAG

DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY WITH J17'S PSYCHIC AGONY AUNT...

AM I THE NEW BUFFY?

Since I've watched *Buffy The Vampire Slayer* I've wanted to become a slayer myself. Are there really such things as vampires and slayers? If there are, could you give me a bit of info on them, please?

Sam, born 5/12/85 at 4pm

Yup, I really enjoy *Buffy* too – they always seem to have so much fun in Sunnydale, but you must remember it's not real life. Do I think there are vampires? To be honest, I don't think there are vampires in the supernatural sense, I think that the myths (and there are so many from all over the world) came about because a few people did such terrible things that they were considered to be human monsters. People couldn't believe or understand such wickedness and put it down to evil influences, which don't exist. Still, that shouldn't stop you enjoying the show and might even help you sleep better at night.

WHERE'S MY BRACELET?

Three years ago I was doing gymnastics after school and put my silver christening bracelet on a wooden bench. I totally forgot about it and when I went back a few days later it was gone. My mum and dad still don't know about it, but they would be really annoyed. Please can you tell me where I might be able to find it?

Helen, born 10/12/83 at 7am

I'm the bearer of bad tidings, apologise, but the truth is your bracelet is long gone. It was found and taken by a girl who no longer lives in the neighbourhood. I'd like to give you better news, but I'm afraid I can't. However, the good news is your parents have sussed out that it's gone bye-bye. So you don't need to tell them.

WILL I ALWAYS BE A SLACKER?

Since primary school my reports have said I'm too talkative and don't listen. Every year I promise I'll concentrate but I never do. I feel very strongly

about doing well in the future but I'm scared I'll fail and end up doing something I don't want to do because I won't have the qualifications I need. Please help. I'm worried sick.

Paige, born 10/1/85 at 5pm

The thing about humans is we're individuals – one size doesn't fit all. Schools, with the best intentions in the world, are designed for the majority. You are not average, you're the exception that proves the rule. Will you succeed if you try? Yes, because you're an intelligent Capricorn – that's why you make such a nuisance of yourself. If you weren't so bright you'd sit quietly and be ignored. I do see success in your future, so stop worrying. But you will have to educate yourself by doing extra reading and homework. And, in fact, once you go to university you'll thrive under a different kind of tuition. Things won't be plain sailing but, with some hard work, you will succeed.

UN-SISTERLY LOVE

My sister and I don't get on very well and sometimes I'm so

nasty to her I make her cry. Recently though I've had dreams where we have bad rows, I walk off and she never comes home. I'm worried that something like this will really happen.

Anon, born 30/4/86 at 6am

Sister, born 30/5/88

Being a big sister can be a real pain, can't it? Your younger sister's always hanging around, trying to muscle in, or grassing you up to the 'rents. Know why? She can't say it, she might not even realise it, but she'd give anything to be you! She may be a squirt, but you know very well that you love each other. Your dreams are a reflection of the fact that you find it difficult to get on with her and that makes you feel guilty. As you get older, you're going to get closer. This is a difficult time, but this is as bad as it's ever going to get. She'll become your best friend in time.

FRIEND BREAK UP

I've had a best mate since I was ten and she has always stood by me. But now there is a new girl who's started hanging around with us and she is trying to turn my friend against me, and my mate can't see it. I want to

know if there is any point in trying to hold on to my friend.

Hurt, born 29/7/83

Best friend, born 13/2/83

New girl, born 25/2/83

Nobody can take away the history you share with your mate, but it's a social dynamic that when three people get together, two of them pick on the other one. It's easy to see why your mate and this new girl get along as their star signs make them mega-compatible. But you can rest assured your mate is going to come back to you with her tail between her legs. You'll win this one, so don't worry. In fact, with more time on your hands, you'll make loads of mates as a whole new social life opens up for you!

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Diary of a CRUSHIN'

Edie sees in the New Year with, erm, a bang...

The story so far

I've read Dylan's letter a million times but I can't work out if I should be hating his guts or pining after him. I think the pining will win. I haven't been to his new flat yet, but all that's about to change.

23 December

"So we'll just pretend we were passing," Shona said. "We've got Crimbo cards to deliver," Nat added as they dragged me round to the flat Dylan shares with Simon, Paul and the hideous Carter. I'd still been dithering over the Dylan letter – all that stuff about me being heartless and hard had really wounded me. But here I was standing on his dog

My mate Sam and our head of one of my arms so I'm on a school trip

Paul answered the door. **In London last year, when you see a teacher I'll get along so well.**

Becky, Southampton

his lap. Simon, since our ill-advised lanky git Carter, who me and said, "Oh, longer an officially miss.

"Oh it's Cartman," I hissed. **the rudest boy in the world**

"It's Carter, sweetheart," he said. "And it's Edie," I snarled, when Shona shot me a warning look.

I had to sit there for a very painful hour while Veronique wittered on about her performance art piece. I don't know what Dylan sees in her. Dylan kept sneaking looks at me like he couldn't believe I was sitting on his sofa after my two-month disappearing act. I pretended everything was cool but seeing Veronique and

Dylan tore me apart. And Simon was smirking and Carter was sneering and it was just horrible.

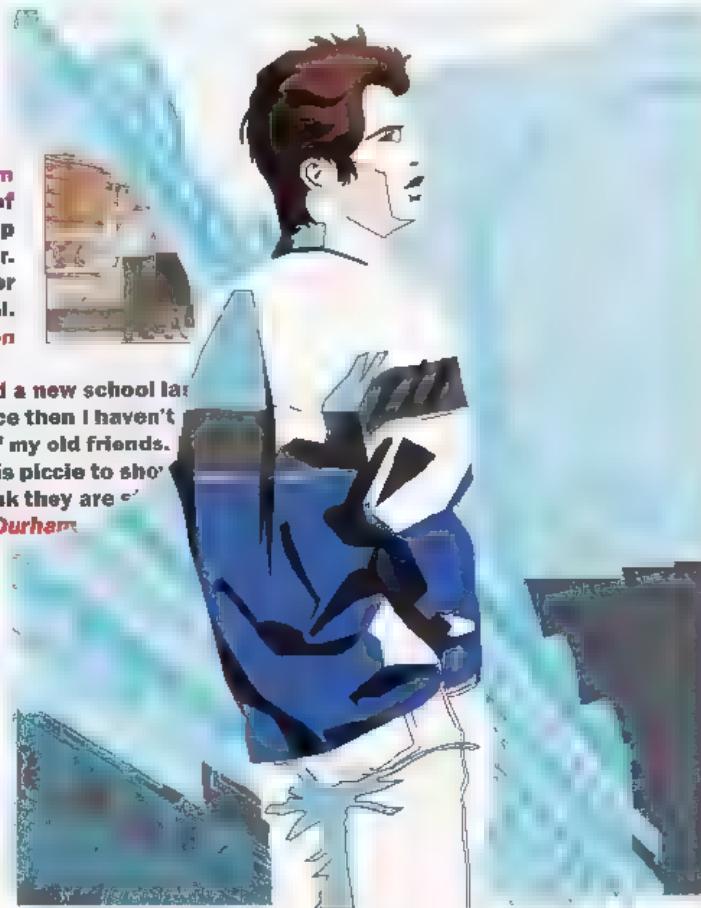
25 December

Chr stmas sucks. Fact. My grand'rents were doting on me and I even managed to get out of Ceru leen City on my Pokémon game. Then I realised Dylan had been dating Veronique for longer than he dated me. And at the Quality Street and mixed nuts in the world couldn't change that.

1 January

The new millennium started in a scary way. Nat had promised we'd stay in until he heard that Trent (his ex) was in town and going to the lads' party. I had refused to go but here I was hiding behind Dylan's weird Crimbo tree in my vintage cocktail dress and wishing I wasn't. I was helping myself to another glass of punch when Dylan walked over.

"Hey," he muttered.
"Hey," I replied.



I started a new school last year and since then I haven't seen much of my old friends. print this piccie to show them still think they are cool.

Sarah, Durham

"The letter," he trailed off. "Was another of your little mind games," I finished for him. "You might be going out with her but bet you can't get me out of your head. You're sleeping with her aren't you?" I didn't know why I was saying these terrible things. Maybe Dylan was right, I was a heartless bitch. My raised voice had cleared the kitchen and Dylan shifted uncomfortably.

"When you talk like that Edie," he said, "I'm so glad we're not going out any more." I felt like he'd punched me in the stomach.

"No you don't," I insisted. "I know you still want me."

"Yeah, like a hole in the head."

And something had changed. Dylan was the hunted and I was, like, the hunter. I reached up and kissed him. He tried to hold back but for one delicious moment he gave in before pushing me away.

"I can't do this to her," he mumbled and walked out. There was the sound of a slow hand tap from the doorway. I whirled round to see Carter standing there.

"What do you do for an encore?" he wanted to know.

"How long have you been standing there?" I demanded.

"Long enough." He slowly looked me up and down. "I haven't known you for very long but have you always been such a bitch?"

"And what's it to you?" It was like some evil demon had taken me over and I couldn't stop.

"Veronique's my sister," Carter said very calmly. "If you mess with her you mess with me."

I pushed past him. "I should have known that two genetic throwbacks like you and her had to be related," was my parting shot. He caught up with me in the lounge as the countdown to midnight started.

"You really are a silly cow," he said tauntingly. "What did Dylan ever see in you?"

I'm hazy about exactly what happened next. I think I called Carter a stickboy loser and then somehow we were kissing – but it was total war. Eventually we came up for air. I scraped a hand across my tingling mouth and looked straight at him.

"It's the only way to shut you up," Carter said a little unsteadily. There was a collective gasp from behind me and I looked round to see everyone, including Dylan, staring at me and Carter. **To be continued...**



BONDING

SEND YOUR LETTERS TO ROB, MAIL BONDING, J17, 109 SHAFESBURY AVENUE, LONDON WC2H 8JG. FAX US ON 0171 208 3590 OR E-MAIL ME AT rob.mcdulph@cam.ac.uk. STAR LETTER GETS COLD HARD CASH TO THE VALUE OF £20

MADE IN A STATE

I was wondering if you could help me. I'm trying to trace my best friend from primary school and so far I've had no luck. Her name is Hannah Morgan and she was born in January 1983. She used to live in Thornbury near Bristol before moving to Cornwall in 1994. I really want to get in touch with her because we were really good mates and I'd love to see her again. Help me Rob, you're my only hope.

See the 'Search feature' page 106

What is this, Surprise Surprise or something? Oh what the heck just call me Cilla. If anyone out there has seen or heard of Miss Morgan, be sure to get in touch with us here at J17 and we'll do our best to put these two separated bessie mates in touch with each other. I expect a lotta lotta letters in response...

WE HAVE A DREAM...

In my opinion Westlife are number one! Five gorgeous lads singing brilliant songs - what more could a girl want? Well, actually this: My friend and I are in lust with Shane and Nicky and desperately want pictures of them to stick on our bedroom walls. Please please please, Rob, make our day by obliging!

Michelle, East Lothian

Hey who am I to disappoint? Check out p611 (yeah like you haven't done already!) and feast your eyes on the veritable plethora of gorgeous mugshots. Am I good to you guys or what?

DONKEY GONE

On 31 October my beloved donkey Timmy O'Toole was snatched from the farm where I live. He is quite large, usually followed around by a swarm of flies and slightly resembles Austin Powers (It's the gnashers). He was last spotted in Dublin drinking Guinness with a dodgy-looking character who looked like Ronan Keating.

Any help would be appreciated.

Missing Her Donkey, Ireland

It's so difficult when a loved one goes astray. I once lost Terry Features, my pet cactus, and was out of my mind with worry. The big city is a scary place for a small spiky plant, but fortunately he turned up safe and sound on the floor under the shelf in my room where he lives. I'm sure Timmy will be fine too - Ronan can be a bit of an ass so at least he's found one of his own to hang with



NAT 'N' SOPH'S ISLE OF WIGHT PROJECT

Please print this photo of me and my best mate Sophie in your mag. The picture is our version of the *Blair Witch Project* taken in the back of a coach travelling to the Isle of Wight. What do you reckon? Scary, or what?

**Natalie Barnard,
Aberdeenshire**

I'm writing this reply from behind the sofa because the mere sight of your picture has terrified me so Birney, would I ever hate to bump into you two scary creatures in the middle of a spooky forest at night where there was voices in the dark, screaming, piles of rocks and wooden scary do-things. One quest on though, which witch is which?

KEEN ON VASELINE

I've written a poem about the wonders of Vaseline:

Stick it on your fingers, stick it on your toes, wipe it round your nostrils to cure a bright red nose, make your lips go shiny and your eyelids too, there is nothing better than this lovely sticky goo!

Crazy person, Kent

We're Crazy, it seems you're not the only one who has a bit of a penchant for the petroleum marvel that is Vaseline. First place in the Sista Style Awards Slaptastic Award category (see p43) proves that when it comes to your fave beauty essentials there's nowt more popular than good old petro. In a tin J17's beauty editor, the gorgeous Lara, would be very proud of you.



AREN'T WE LUCKY?

First off can I just say how much I love J17? Secondly I'd like to say how lucky we are to have been born when we were and not in 1883, or whatever. I've been watching this TV programme called *The 1900 House* and it seemed like women in those days had such a terrible time. There was no shampoo, no bubble bath, no CDs, no tampons or STs.

And girls my age didn't go to school because there was so much stuff to do round the house. I reckon we don't know how lucky we are nowadays, as my grandad would say.

Nicola, Chiswick

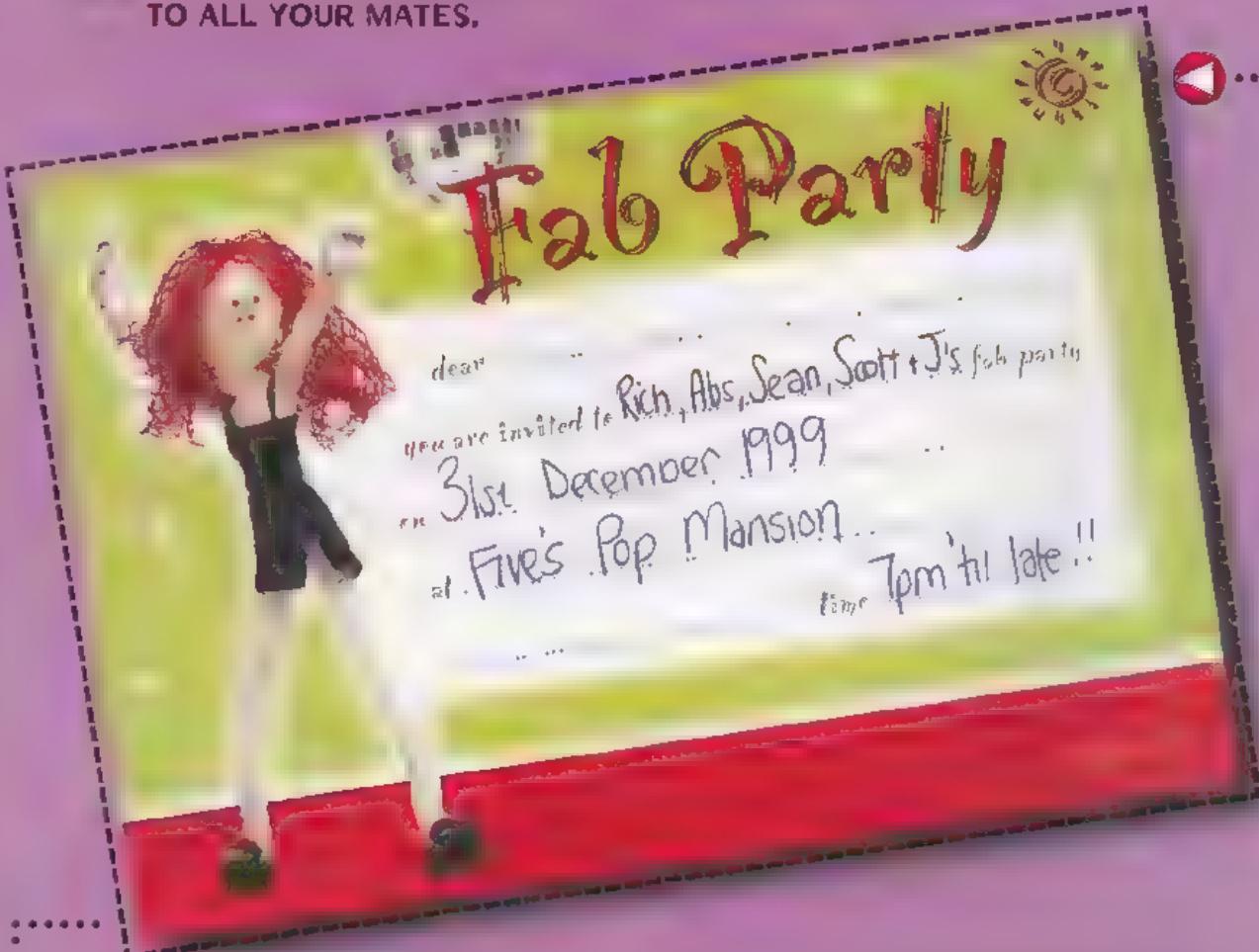
Thanks for your letter Nicola. I reckon you're right, though. I watched one episode of that programme when they were eating fish 'n' chips and wearing all old clothes and thought it looked quite good fun! But seriously, sometimes we do forget that now we have mobile phones, washing machines and electricity, everyday life really is a lot less hassle than it used to be. Not only that but women can now vote - back in 1900 they couldn't even do that!



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Photography

Emma Johansen, 18, from Devon

Judged by professional photographer Kate Martin, who shoots the pictures for J17's front covers



Emma submitted the following explanation with her picture: "The image is part of a series of photographs I took of a group of skateboarders. Some were taken while they were in action and e, like this one while they were standing around, unaware I was photographing them. I was really pleased to have produced a photograph such great composition and style without even thinking about it, and makes it special are the reactions from other people upon seeing it."

Kate says, "This picture stands out from the rest because it's been really well-composed. The light is nice with good depth and tonal range, but in spite of this, it still manages to look very natural."



Illustration

Claire Hughes, 13, from Worcs

Judged by professional illustrator James Jarvis, who is a frequent contributor to J17

Claire submitted the following explanation with her picture: "As the year 2000 is coming up, I drew a picture about where the millennium will be at for me. People wonder about the millennium. New inventions, flying machines, the world ending and the millennium bug. They wonder about all these thoughts inside their heads, without saying them out loud. When I hear the word millennium, it triggers off thoughts, images and emotions which go on inside my head and are special to me. I have expressed these thoughts and emotions with one picture, entitled 'Where It's At'."

James says, "I decided to give first prize to Claire and her weird head picture because I like the very clean and graphic design element of the head. The overall design of the illustration is really harmonic."

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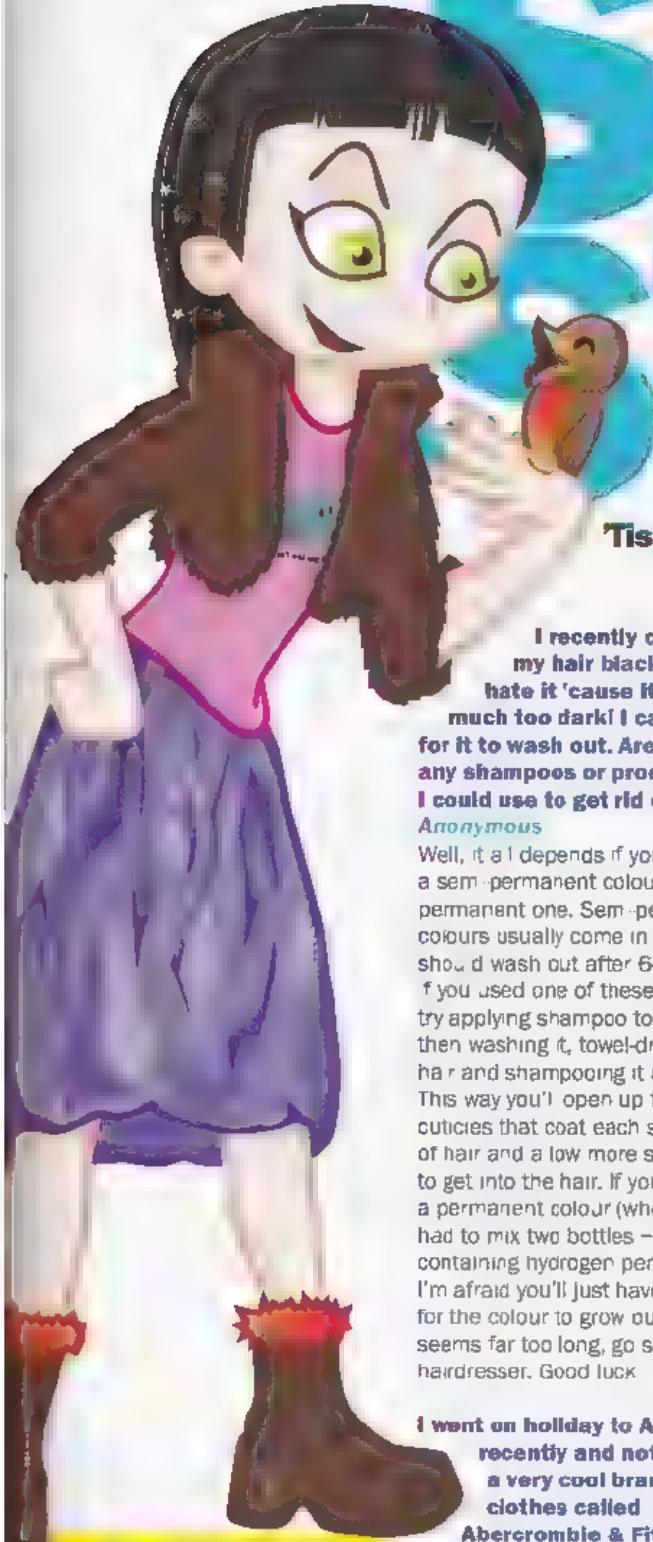


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SISTA STYLE



'Tis the season to be jolly! So let Kat save us from hair dy that won't wash out and dark circles under our eyes.

I recently coloured my hair black and I hate it 'cause it looks much too dark! I can't wait for it to wash out. Are there any shampoos or products I could use to get rid of it?
Anonymous

Well, it all depends if you used a semi-permanent colour or a permanent one. Semi-permanent colours usually come in a tube and should wash out after 6-8 washes. If you used one of these, you could try applying shampoo to dry hair then washing it, towel-drying your hair and shampooing it again. This way you'll open up the cuticles that coat each strand of hair and a few more shampoo to get into the hair. If you used a permanent colour (where you had to mix two bottles - one containing hydrogen peroxide) I'm afraid you'll just have to wait for the colour to grow out. If that seems far too long, go see your hairdresser. Good luck!

I went on holiday to America recently and noticed a very cool brand of clothes called Abercrombie & Fitch.

Do you know where I can find them over here?

Larissa, South Wales

Oooh you little tinker you. I bet you checked out all the top tatty in their ad campaigns too - they've got more muscles than my local fish market! I wonder if you caught the reference to A&F in the Lyte Funky Ones' song Summer Girls? As for the clothing, I went to the

Abercrombie & Fitch website at www.abercrombie.com and got myself into a right American-cotton frenzy. What fantastic gear!

Unfortunately for us, there aren't any A&F stockists in the UK at the moment, but you can bag their accessories, sweats, outerwear and fleeces from the A&F website. I also find loads of eye-patching pics to keep you happy. Hopefully, we'll see A&F stores over here soon. If I hear anything you'll be the first to know!

I really like the colour of my eyes but I've got mega dark circles underneath them. Is there anything I can use to stop me looking like a panda?

Sarah, Swindon

The best way to lose dark circles is to get loads of sleep, drink plenty of water and use a good concealer. Dark circles are really common and most models I know have 'em. There are loads of concealers around, but my all-time fave is Radiant Touch by Yves St Laurent (loads of celebs swear by it too). It's very pricey at £19, but you only have to use a little bit so it lasts ages. If it's way out of your price range you can try the Warm, Fair or Medium concealers from The Make-Up Range at Tesco. They're only £3.10 each and should cover the shadows nicely.

My friend and I have been looking all over for coloured pop-socks. Any ideas?

Steph (14), Aberdeen

Most leading department stores like House Of Fraser, Selfridges

and John Lewis stock them. The best ones I've found are by a company called Jonathan Aston. Kylie and Madonna have both worn 'em and they come in gorgeous, bright colours (acid yellow being one of my faves) and cost about £2.99. Call 0161 286 2388 for your nearest stockist. I'd be surprised if you don't find any you like but, should that happen, you could try a style I spotted in New York. Street sistas over there have taken to wearing coloured friy elastic at the top of their socks to keep them up. That way you can cut some 'tastic tights off at any length you like and they'll stay up. Cool huh?

Do you know where I can get that fab lip gloss Posh Spice and Cat Deeley have been wearing lately? It's really shiny and sort of pearly. Thanks.

Nikki, Manchester

Posh was too busy broodin' and Cat was out wheein' and a Deel so I couldn't find out the goss on their gloss, but I did the next best thing and spoke to J17's celeb make-up artist Kim Brown. She reckons the best lip gloss around is one by Mac. It's dead shiny, stays put for ages and Kim says that if you put a small dot of white pearlised eyeshadow onto your lower lip then slap the gloss over the top, it'll give your lips a rad pearlised look. The gloss costs £7 a pot and you can call 0171 524 9222 for stockists. If you want a cheaper alternative then Kim rates Colourings Natural Lip Tint, £3.75 from The Body Shop. Slaptastic!

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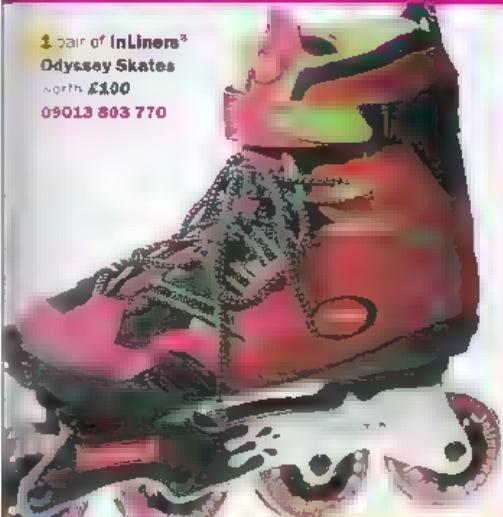
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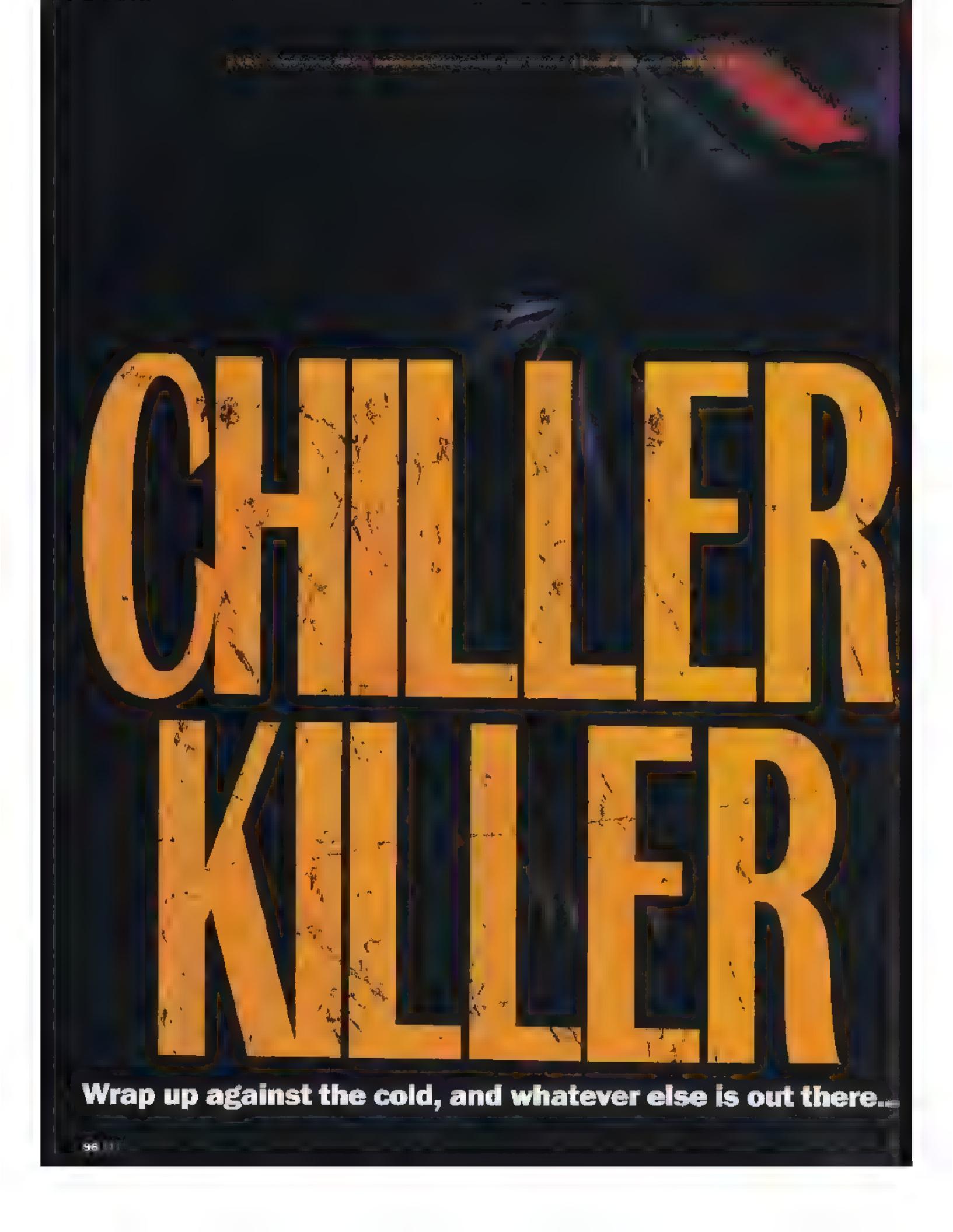


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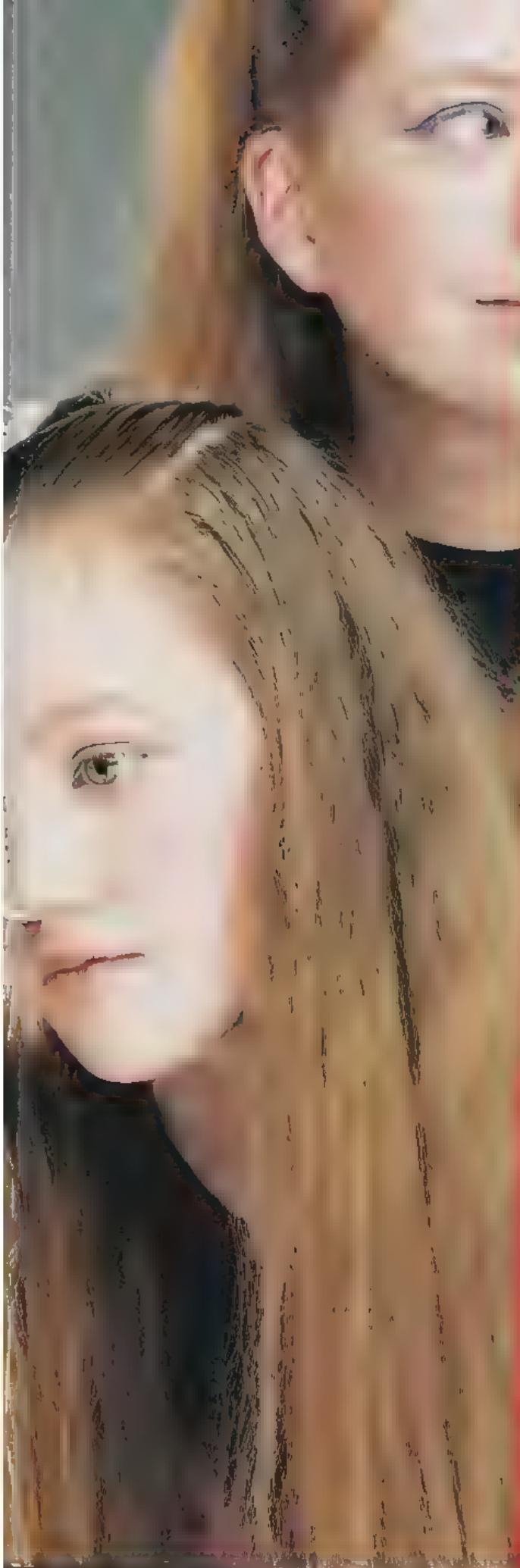
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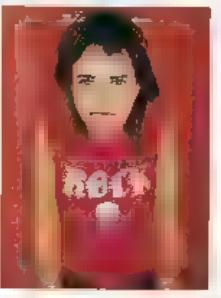
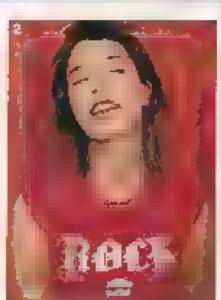




Just messin'

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1 We're campaigning to bring back bunches 'cause done properly they look boss. Make a side parting, secure your hair into two sections with a snag-free elastic band then lightly backcomb each bunch. To make them look really wild, use a crimper on a few strands.

2 If you can't decide whether to have long or short hair, or maybe you just want a mullet, try **Trevor Sorbie Hair Wefts**, £25. Pick your fave clip-in hairpiece (we used dip-dyed ones) and just clip it under a layer of your own barnet for a flash of colour.

3 Get down and get wiggly with this electric blue wig, **Claire's Accessories**, £20. If you want to look even wilder, stick coloured sequins around the crown or along the parting... and tonight Matthew, you can be Cher!

4 For a cool ponytail, pull the centre section of your hair into a high bunch, then pin the side sections of loose hair, wrap them round the ponytail and secure with clips. For extra impact, backcomb the ponytail and apply **Trevor Sorbie Wax**, £4.99 to the ends.

5 If your saggy looks are making you feel more drippy than hippie, just knot 'em. Take the back centre section of your hair up, knot it at the crown and secure with grips. Tease out a bit of hair from the knot to make a fake fringe, then braid the remaining loose hair.





1 Wave goodbye to straight!

hair by washing your hair twice, drying it, then applying a teeny blob of **Trevor Sorbie Gel £3.99**. While it's still slightly damp, section your hair into three big chunks. Plait both the side sections and put the centre panel back into a sleek ponytail. Now sit back with a mug of tea until your hair's dry, then you can undo the plaits and discover your luvverly new waves.



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gig of the month



Tim Burgess and his pals rock us

film of the month



Mystery Men
Superheroes Uncovered!

tv of the month



Justin's Story
From schoolboy to pop star

video of the month



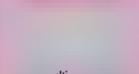
Cruel Intentions
Reese and Ryan in a saucy shocker

book of the month



FRIENDS
The Ultimate Friends Companion by Penny Stalling
Get the lowdown

website of the month



Miss Girl
Try her random luck generator

game of the month



Rayman 2
The funny fella's back with a top new game.

J17 reader Lorna Aitken, 18, talks us through the Saturday that rocks her world...



11:00

Finish dreaming about riding into the sunset with Joe I have-the-nicest-eyes-in-the-world McFadden

Rise and shine! Make that just a rise I hate mornings

Meet my friends in Glasgow to indulge in some serious retail therapy. Sadly since became a student the only shopping I do is the window kind.

Having tried on about 99 outfits in the one shop we decide to buy, well, everything!

Head to Miss Selfridge. End up getting strange looks from the shop assistants for laughing at the messages on the thongs - Bad Fairy, Horny Devil, Goddess. Euuuuu

Meet the rest of my new uni friends in the canteen at Strathclyde Students' Union. Have a spot of lunch while my mates Grant and Alex eat everything in sight!

Chill out for the rest of the day in the Union's Bubble Lounge with numerous tubs of ice cream and endless cups of Diet Pepsi

Laugh hysterically at 1) Alex's jokes (just to let you know girls, he's a single!); 2) Cars continuous promises to get fit and go swimming; 3) Grant eating ever more food (does the boy ever stop?)

Get home. Order a huge Chinese takeout with my girlfriends - we, we need to build up our strength if we're going to pull (hopefully) and party all night

Yeah! We're the Karaoke queens

Prance around my room to Steps, Five and Shania Twain's Man, I Feel Like A Woman. Get ready for the fancy dress party of the year

Leaving an array of make-up, hairdryers and copious amounts of glitter behind, two devils and a witch are ready to leave - devil horns are sooo this season, dahling!

Meet the rest of our posse at the Students' Union

"It's raining men, 'a'men!" Meet some tasty, non-toxic boys. Get whisked off to the stage and make like Patrick Swayze and what's his name in Dirty Dancing.

Just enough time to grab a hot dog and exchange the goss before the nice tax man arrives to take us home

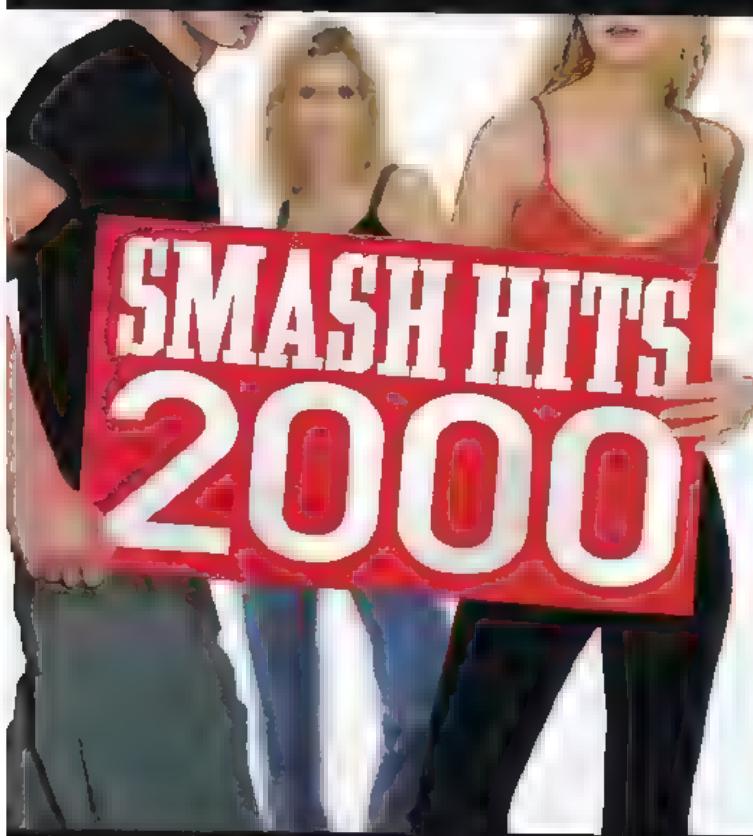


15:15 The Talent



02:30 Devil Horns, hotdogs, 2.30 in the morning - NOT a good combination!

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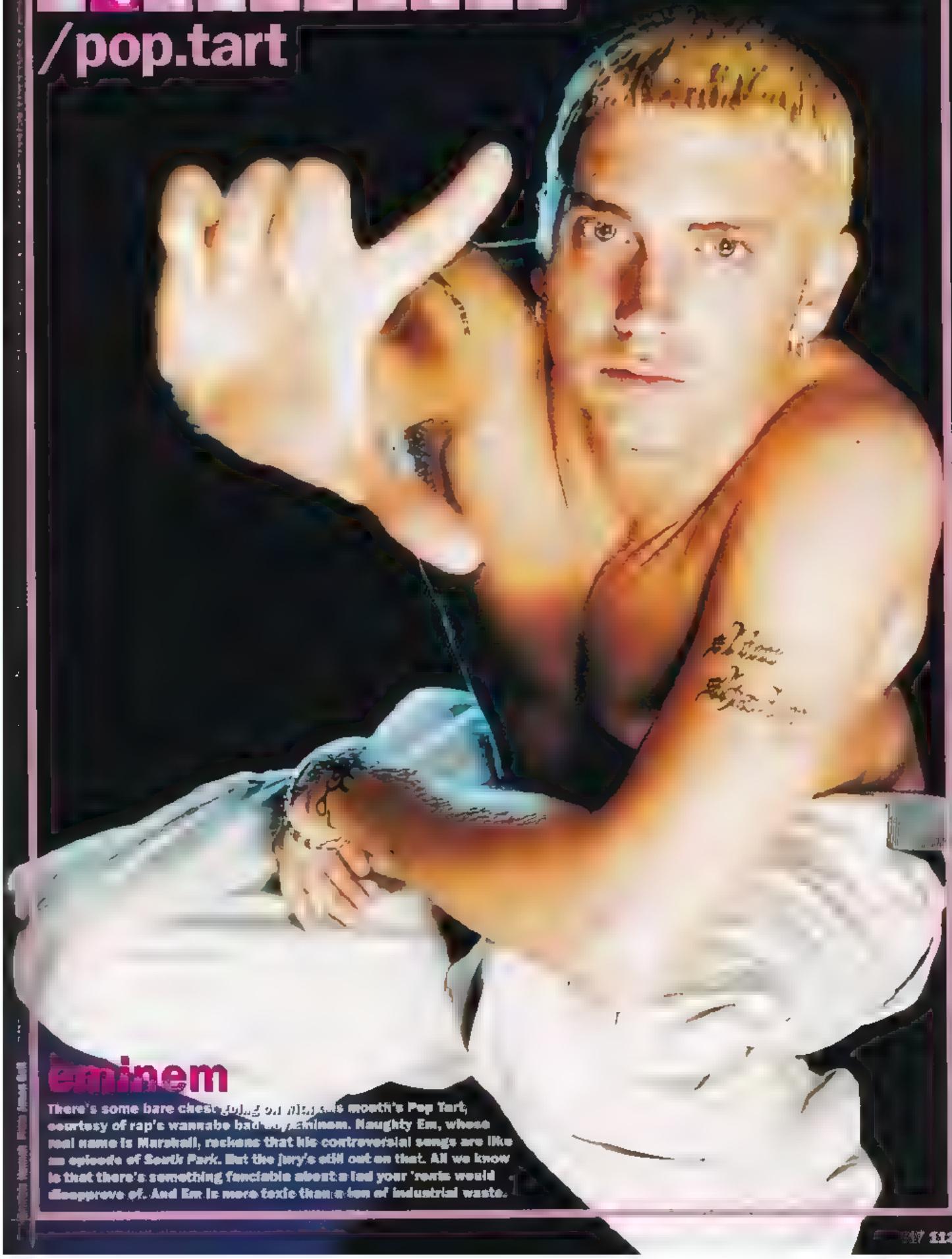
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eminem

There's some bare chest going on in this month's Pop-Tart, courtesy of rap's wannabe bad boy, Eminem. Naughty Em, whose real name is Marshall, reckons that his controversial songs are like an episode of *South Park*. But the jury's still out on that. All we know is that there's something fanciable about a lad your 'rents would disapprove of. And Em is more toxic than a ton of industrial waste.

that's entertainment

H from steps

The last CD I bought...

Northern Star by Mel C. It was fantastic and I was glad that she proved a lot of people wrong. I hoped she would do good on her. I can see myself maybe going solo some time but I don't think I'd go punky like Mel!

The last book I read...

Adeline Yen Mah's *Falling Leaves*. It's about this Chinese woman who had a really harsh childhood. It's brilliant. I'm just about to read the Cher biography or maybe the Geri biography. I can't wait to read that one.

The last video I rented...

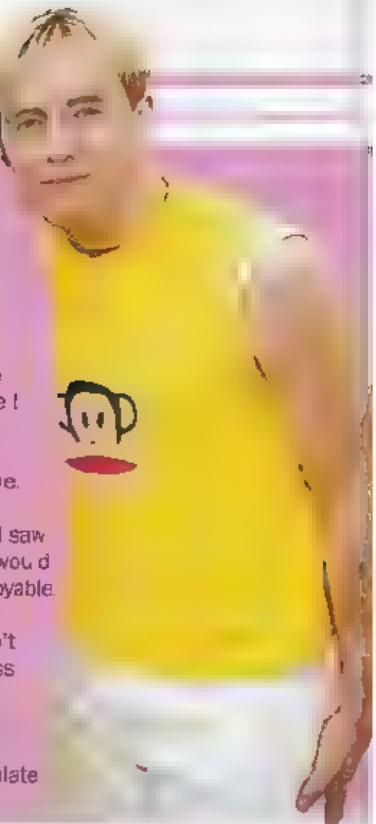
Hmmmm, I can't actually remember the last time I got a video out but the last time I went to the cinema I saw the shark movie *Deep Blue Sea*. It was fantastic. I wanted to see it when we were in America but no-one would come with me. It was dead scary, we jumped about a mile high out of our seats. Scary movies are really enjoyable.

The last computer game I played...

Gameboy and the *Pokémon* game I think and both of them are driving me mad. I have to fess that I didn't buy it, I begged a copy from www.toyzone.co.uk who sponsored our recent UK dates, hence the shameless plug.

The last chocolate bar I ate...

It's funny you should ask me that 'cause I've just been eating a Flake. It's not my favourite but it was all I could get my hands on. My favourite is probably Crunchie or Galaxy or Fruit 'n' Nut. In fact, I love all chocolate



what a gigging good year that was

IT'S BEEN A CRAZY YEAR...

1 backstreet boys

Big budget sets, top costumes and ace songs that are impossible not to move to. The grooviest boy band of them all. After this gig, we reckoned they should come to our little country more often

Courtney Love rawking in a pink bra, fairy wings and sequinned hot pants. We left feeling more feisty than us...

3 stereophonics

Filling stadiums and thrilling festival-goers everywhere with their rocking good offerings. Just the one mystery: does Kelly ever change that little black vest of his?

More hip-swivelling than Ricky Martin, those glam boys delivered years of hits under a spangly set

5 steps

Top dance routines, glamorous costumes and all our favourite hits. They made us want to learn their merry craft. We I, practise the dance routine for *Tragedy* in front of the bedroom mirror anyway.

Harry,airy and not at all scary. Those top tune-mongers thrilled us and made us jump up and down 'till our knees gave way Yay!

7 the charlatans

Luscious Tim and his pals led us into the moshpit with their cheery singalong tunes. Note: always guaranteed a high titty count in the audience

Not so much a gig but the weirdest experience of your life. It was a little bit dancey, a little bit heavy, and an awful lot Welsh. And it was a joy, as always, to see trumpet players dressed as vegetables.

9 911

The three fellas wowed us with their magic tricks and greatest hits. And our Chantelle hob-nobbed with Spike before the show.

Not much to look at, unless you fancy your brother's spoddy, PlayStation-hugging mates, but brill to listen to. They rocked – and they brought along pictures of tractors to 'entertain' us

popay in
your pocket



enrique
inglesias

Swarthy of skin, devilish of eyebrow and sultry of mouth, Enrique is even hotter than rival Latino rocker, Ricky Martin according to some. But, hey, we ain't taking sides – we'd snog 'em both.

WIN!

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The songs that'll have
granny Himbolg underneath
the coffee table. Buy 'em,
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Mr Hanky

What The Hell Child Is This?

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Play loud when the renta
units are out of earshot

The Crystals

Sleigh Ride

The cork nest Crimbo
ditty recorded. Ever. No competition.

St Etienne with Tim Burgess

I Was Born On Christmas Day

And this is the second corknest
Crimbo ditty committed to tape. Ever.

Merry Christmas Everybody

Erm we think you find that it's
against the law to make a Christmas
tape without this track on it.

I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday

Or this one

Elvis Presley

Love, Peace And Understanding

Our Dorothy reckons this was Elvis
most festive offering. While our Rob
reckoned it was *Blue Christmas*.
And they're still fighting about it

Corys from Catalonia

Don't Stop Believin'

Baby, It's Cold Outside

Definitely in with a chance for the
Christmas No. 1.

The Ronettes

Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer

By golly, they don't make em like this
any more, do they? And don't pretend
you don't know all the words.

You're My Number One

This choo just positively reeks of
chestnuts roasting on an open fire,
snogs under mistletoe and the like

Ricky Martin

La Vida Loca

Not strictly a Christmas song but
absolutely guaranteed to get any
party going. And, of course, you can
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under the mistletoe



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the year in music

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*On the first day of Christmas
my true love sent to me...*

*Twelve boy bands back-flipping
Eleven Mariah Carey clones a'warbling
Ten Ricky-alikes hip-swiivelling
Nine soap stars with record contracts
Eight girl bands being feisty
Seven cheezy poplets a'going for that difficult adult market
Six girl singers showing serious navel
Five gold discs
Four remaining Spice Girls
Three well-known Welsh bands
Two versions of Boyzone
And a Shania Twain not being impressed... much*

* So it doesn't scan properly, so sue us.

pick of the flicks

The movies that moved us in 1999...

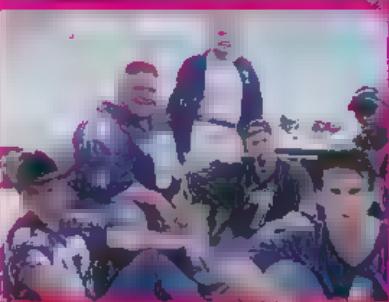
practical magic
We knew this film about two witches before we'd ever heard of The Blair Witch Project.



It's pleasantville sometimes, when everything goes...



marilyn monroe legend
Notable because of Meryl Streep and the return of the blonde bombshell.



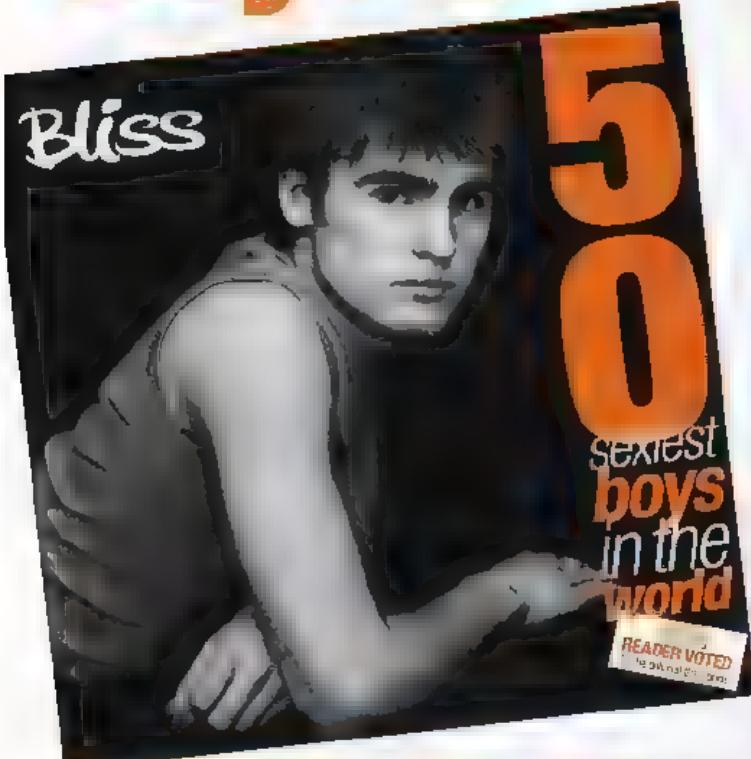
now, american pie
"And one time at band camp..."



Cue drum roll...
AUSTIN POWERS: THE SPY WHO SHAGGED ME

What can we say but "Yeah, baby!"

Who won the 1999 Bliss Boy Poll?



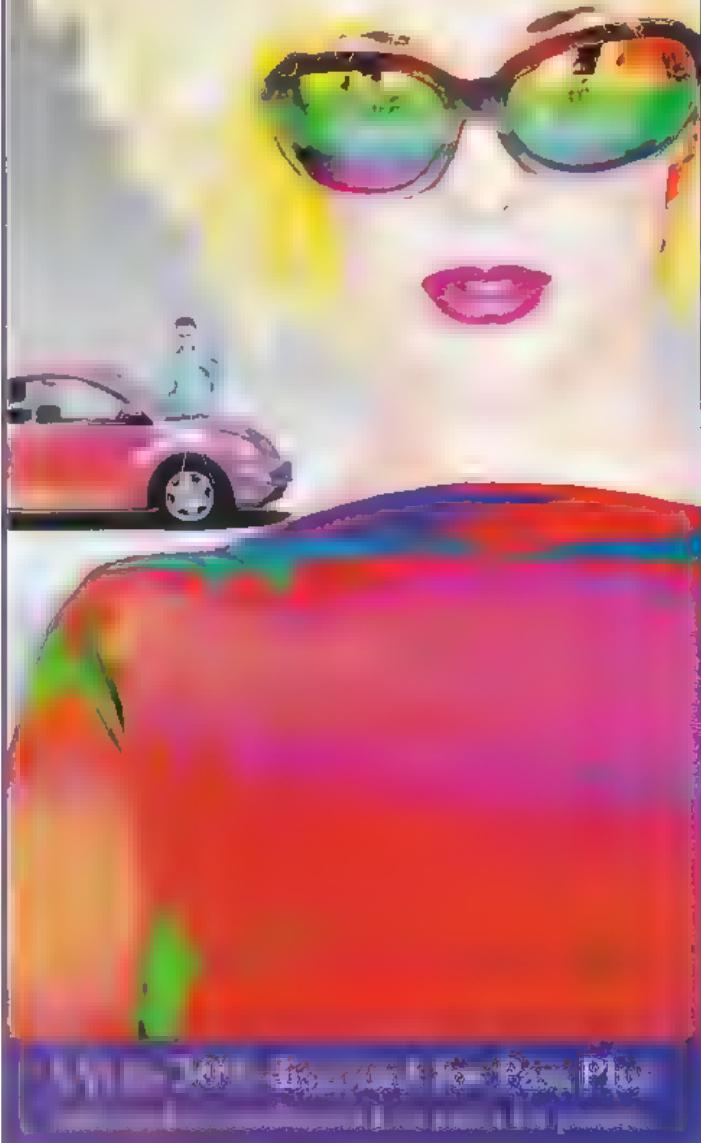
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1 We won't have to go back to school until May. If everything goes haywire, nobody will remember trivial things like what the date is.

2 The 'rents will unleash all the food they've had locked in their emergency millennium cupboard since last August so we can feast on tinned peaches and long-life biscuits.

3 Looting will become the hot new hobby. If chaos erupts and society breaks down, who's to stop us eating our way through a Thornton's warehouse?

4 Annoying little brothers everywhere will be sobbing because their best game scores will have been wiped from their memory cards. We'll take over as Pokémon queens.

5 There's a chance the oven might explode. At least that's what we'll tell the 'rents so they'll cough up for takeaways and trips to restaurants.

6 We can turn chaos to our financial advantage. There's money to be made from flogging tins of beans, 'bottled' water and spare bog rolls to confused people who didn't plan ahead.

7 That smug classmate who jetted off to the other side of the world to spend New Year's Eve with her mega-rich auntie will be stranded. Until Easter.

8 Computer boffins reckon that if all the planes are grounded, there won't be enough room at airports to park them. So, we can turn our streets into huge car parks – and make pilots pay for their spaces by the hour.

9 That huge phone bill we ran up over Christmas will be wiped in a computer malfunction. Better make the most of it then...

10 With any luck, the master tapes for Celine Dion's new album will be erased. And, as she's vowed to go into retirement in the New Year, we'll never have to hear her warble again!

11 The washing machine will be deemed unsafe. Which'll mean all 'rents will have to buy us lots of new clothes to maintain hygiene standards.

12 If we've planned ahead and stuck Dad's prized *Question Of Sport* tape in the video recorder, we can sit back and watch in glee as all those 'hilarious' moments are lost forever on the stroke of midnight.

13 Our school reports will be wiped out. And the teachers will be so bored with typing them all in again they'll welcome the odd bribe to change an 'E' to an 'A plus'.

14 We could see the back of Northern Line if the Y2K bug erases their precious backing tapes, unless they can sing live...

15 If the TV's broken and the family are stuck together, we can 'entertain' everyone with a tune-free Britney Spears impression. Then collect money to make it stop.

16 If all our electrical equipment fails we'll be able to persuade the 'rents to take us shopping for a new stereo, telly, video, computer...

17 All other magazines will self-destruct at midnight on the last day of 1999, but the totally Y2K compatible *J17* will survive. Yay!



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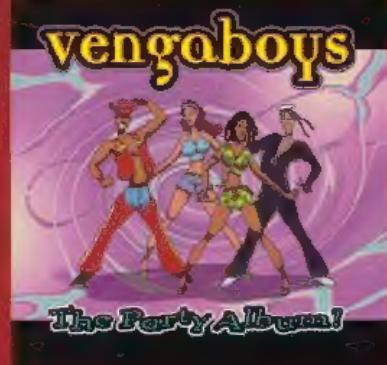
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